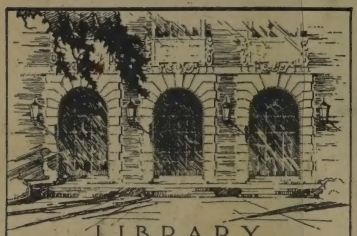

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Signed, —— ——, *Rector*, (*or Minister.*)

Other matters calculated to throw light on the state of the parish may be noted in conclusion.

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TRINITY CHURCH, NEWPORT,
June 8th, 1852.

THIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in Rhode Island, the Bishop of the Diocese and a number of the Clergy and Laity assembled at 10 1-2 o'clock, A. M., in Trinity Church Newport.

Morning prayer was conducted by the Rev. Henry Waterman. The Rev. G. W. Hathaway officiated in the Ante-Communion Service, the Gospel being read by the Bishop,—who then delivered a Charge to the Clergy. The Holy Communion was administered to the Clergy by the Bishop, and to the Laity present, by the Rev. Messrs. Hathaway and Waterman.

At the close of Divine Service, the Convention was called to order.

The Secretary then proceeded to read the list of the Clergy, as presented by the President, entitled to the privileges of membership

The Lay Delegates next presented their certificates of election.

The following Committees were appointed by the President:—

On the rights of Members to seats.

Rev. T. H. Vail, Rev. D. R. Brewer,
Robert H. Ives.

On the application of new Parishes.

Rev. J. H. Eames.
George Pearce, Edward Walcott.

On motion, Clergymen not entitled to seats in this body, and candidates for Orders, who might be present, were invited to honorary seats in the Convention. Of such there were present, the Rev. James W. Simmons, of S. C., and Mr. E. P. Gray, a candidate for orders, in this Diocese.

The Convention then adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday afternoon, 4 o'clock.

The Convention met according to adjournment. The Committee on the qualifications of members reported the following Clergymen as entitled to membership and the right to vote:

*Rev. George Anthony,	Rev. Daniel C. Millet,
" *John Bristed*,	" *Samuel Penny, Jr.*,
" *Lemuel Burge*,	" *Eli W. Stokes*,
" Darius R. Brewer,	" George Taft,
" *James H. Carpenter*,	" Baylies P. Talbot,
" George W. Chevers,	" Thomas H. Vail,
" Silas A. Crane,	" Francis J. Warner,
" N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	" Henry Waterman,
" James H. Eames,	" Benjamin Watson,
" G. W. Hathaway,	" *Elisha F. Watson*,
" Daniel Henshaw,	" Hobart Williams.

Also, the following as entitled to membership, but not to vote:

Rev. J. W. Cooke,	*Rev. T. L. Randolph*,
" Robert B. Fairbairn,	" Joseph Trapnell, Jr.,
" John Kelly,	" Kensey J. Stewart.

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* Those whose names are in Italics were not present in Convention.

The following Lay Delegates were reported as constitutionally entitled to seats in this Convention:

PLACES.	CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.
Providence,	Grace.	*Richmond Brownell*, E. Walcott, *W. T. Grinnell, Elisha Dyer, Jr.*
"	St. John's.	*Austin Gurney*, C. H. Dabney, E. W. Howard, R. H. Ives.
"	St. Stephen's	R. Waterman, Gideon Gurnett, *Ezra D. Fogg*, J. N. Shearman.
"	St. Andrew's.	*H. A. Manchester, J. E. Cranston, L. M. Blodget, H. C. Preston.*
Warren,	St. Mark's.	*Haile Collins*, G. G. Hazard, Jas. Gardiner, *John T. Child.*
Bristol,	St. Michael's.	Benjamin Hall, George Pearce, *Thos. E. Usher, J. D. W. Perry.*
Portsmouth,	St. Paul's.	*J. Burrington*, Benj. Green, Jos. Thomas, *Charles Chase.*
Newport,	Trinity.	J. H. Gilliat, John Sterne, Thos. Riddell, Wm. Cornell.
"	Zion.	Chas. Devens, Wm. Rider, Augustus Bush, J. L. Northam.
Westerly,	Christ.	Lyndon Taylor, *O. D. Wells, Edwin Babcock, Nelson Brown.*
Woonsocket,	St. James's.	*G. S. Wardwell*, Arnold Briggs, *Wm. Booth, Jr.*, S. N. Mason.
Lonsdale,	Christ.	*W. B. Whiting*, G. A. Kent, G. F. Hathaway, P. J. Congdon.
N. Providence,	St. Pauls,	D. L. Peck, Jas. L. Jones, *S. J. Ladd*, Thomas R. Dix.
Wickford,	St. Paul's.	Gideon Freeborn, *J. J. Reynolds. J. S. McLaughlin, H. N. Reynolds.*
Johnston,	St Peters.	*Marvin Smith, H. M. Sessions, P. Mathewson.* E. O. Angell.
E. Greenwich,	St. Luke's.	D. Pinneger, R. Holden, 2d, *C. W. Greene, L. M. Wheeler.*
Greenville,	St. Thomas.	*L. M. E. Stone, Thos. Barnes, Sessions Mowry, N. B. Sprague.*
Jamestown,	St. Mathew's.	Robert H. Watson, D. Otis Clarke.
Wakefield,	Ascension,	*T. H. Watson, W. C. Watson. E. Watson*, Atmore Robinson.

Parishes not represented in the Convention,—St. Philip's, Crompton, St. Paul's, Tower Hill, and Emanuel, Manville.

The Rolls were then called by the Secretary, when those who were present answered to their names.

The following Committees were appointed by the Chair:

On Finance.

R. H. Ives, E. Walcott,
J. Sterne.

On Unfinished Business.

Rev. H. Waterman, George A. Kent,
George Pearce.

The Bishop then read his ANNUAL ADDRESS, as follows:

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

SPARED in the good Providence of Almighty God, and once more permitted to meet you in annual Convention, I proceed, in compliance with the requisition of the Canons, to lay before you a report of my official acts during the past year. Our thanks are due to the Father of mercies that we are once more permitted to assemble without any diminution of our band of Clergymen by death; and let us offer our fervent prayers to Him that He would "direct us in all our doings with His most gracious favor, and further us with His continual help that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Him, we may glorify His holy name, and finally, by His mercy obtain everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

On the first Sunday after Trinity, June 22d, being the day appointed in my Pastoral Letter for the purpose, appropriate Services were used in all the Churches of this Diocese in commemoration of the Institutition of the "Society for the propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts;" the first Protestant Missionary Society, and the mother of all others. On that occasion I preached a Sermon in my own parish Church, (afterwards published,) giving a sketch of the history and operations of that venerable Society, and also of the four ancient parishes in "Rhode Island and Providence Plantations," which were founded by its liberality and pious zeal in the former part of the last century.

The most joyful and animating spectacle was presented when the scattered branches of the Anglican Communion in

all continents and upon almost every island of the sea, in more tongues than were given at Pentecost, poured forth their united ascriptions of gratitude on this One Hundred and Fiftieth anniversary of the missions of the Reformation. It is also a cheering reflection that two of our American Bishops, (the heads of Dioceses now flourishing in States and Territories which remained unredeemed from the howling wilderness for about a century after the formation of the Society,) will, the next week, as the representatives of their brethren, bear part in the closing Jubilee Services within the sacred and venerable fane of Westminster Abbey. The events of this jubilee will, by God's blessing, not only tend to strengthen the bonds of intercommunion between the different branches of Reformed Episcopacy, but also, incite them to more vigorous and united efforts in the great work of publishing the Gospel to every creature.

On the 24th day of June I attended the annual meeting of our General Board of Missions, and on the 25th and 26th of the same month was present at the meeting of the Trustees of the General Thelogical Seminary, and also attended its public Commencement exercises, in the City of New York.

The third Sunday after Trinity, July 6th, I confirmed two persons in Grace Church Providence. The fourth Sunday after Trinity I passed in Newport, and preached in the morning at Trinity Church, and in the afternoon at Zion Church, where I confirmed eleven persons,and also baptized the Rector's infant daughter.

On Monday 14th, I took part in Morning Prayer at All Saints Chapel Newport. Rev. Messrs. Brewer, B. Watson, Gay and Maxwell were also present. I was pleased to find a goodly attendance of Lay worshippers. The establishment of Daily Service in this Chapel, it is hoped, may have a salutary influence upon the multitudes of visiters from all parts of our country who resort hither for health, recreation and pleasure. It affords to the serious and devout frequent opportuni-

ties of withdrawing from surrounding temptations, and imploring grace to resist them. At the same time it may serve to remind the careless that there is another world, and also bear witnessa gainst the dissipation, folly and gaiety which abound, during the summer months, at this fashionable place of resort.

On the 16th and 17th days of July, I was present at a quarterly meeting of Convocation, in Christ Church, Westerly. I took part in the public services of the interesting occasion, administered the Holy Communion at the opening, and preached at the close of the session.

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, Sept. 7th I held a special confirmation in Grace Church, Providence, and administered that Holy Rite to one person. September 10th, I was present at a special meeting of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, convened for the purpose of electing a successor to the late Rev. Dr. Ogilby, in the professorship of Ecclesiastical history. The Rev. Milo Mahan was chosen.

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, I visited Emanuel Church, Manville, supplied the congregation with services all day, and conferred with the Vestry about a supply for the parish during the sickness and absence of their Rector.

On the 16th of September, I administered confirmation to a sick person, belonging to my own parish, who soon after departed this life in faith and hope.

On the 9th and 10th October, I again had the pleasure of free and affectionate intercourse with many of my clerical brethren at a Quarterly Meeting of the Convocation, in St. Paul's Church, Wickford. I administered the Holy Communion, and also preached and made addresses. The weather was delightful, the congregations large, and the exhibitions of truth faithful.

The marked improvement in this parish is highly gratifying. The people manifest an appreciation of their church privileges by contributing more than they have heretofore done for the support of clerical services. In addition to the new Church,

built a few years ago, they have within the past year, beautified it by graining the pews and other wood work in imitation of oak; they have built a new Chapel for their Holy Day Services, Lectures, and Sunday School; they have procured a beautiful Paten and Plates for the Communion Service; and as a work peculiarly appropriate to this third Jubilee of the Society for propagating the Gospel, they have caused to be erected a beautiful Mural Tablet of Italian Marble, to the memory of Rev. Dr. McSparran and Rev. Mr. Fayerweather, early Missionaries of the Society, and the first two Ministers of the "old Narragansett Church." It can no longer be said, to our reproach, that the names of those faithful men are without a permanent memorial.

On the 29th of October, in Hartford, Connecticut, I had the gratification of being present, with several of the Bishops, and bearing a part in the solemn service of the Consecration of the Rev. John Williams, D. D., as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut.

November 5th and 6th, I attended a meeting of Convocation in St. Paul's Church, Portsmouth. I took my usual part in the interesting Services, and preached on the first evening of the session.

On the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6th, 1852, I presided at meeting held in Grace Church Chapel, Providence, to organize a Church Missionary Union for the city. I also, by request, opened the session of the Senate of Rhode Island with prayer. The following two days, the services connected with a quarterly meeting of Convocation were celebrated in my own parish Church. My hope is that the faithful and devout labors of my clerical brethren on that occasion were not unaccompained with a blessing to the people of my peculiar charge.

The 13th of the same month I held an examination of candidates for Orders upon the Evidences of Christianity and systematic Theology; the Rev. Messrs. Taft, Crane, and Waterman, Presbyters, were present and assisting.

Septuagesima Sunday, February 8th, I made a special visitation to Christ Church, Lonsdale, and confirmed seven persons, Evening Prayer and the Preface were read by Rev. G. W. Hathaway, Rector; a Sermon and address were delivered by myself.

The 9th of November, I Consecrated St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, to the service of Almighty God. The Deed of donation and request to consecrate was read by Rev. J. H. Eames, and the sentence of Consecration by Rev. G. W. Hathaway. Morning Prayer was said by Rev. Messrs. Crane and Vail, assisted by Rev. B. P. Talbot in the Lessons. I preached the sermon, and administered the Communion to the Clergy. The Rev. H. Waterman said a part of the Communion Office. Besides the above named, there were present of the Clergy of Rhode Island, the Rev. Messrs. Henshaw and Chevers; of the Diocese of Massachusetts, Richmond, Birchmore and Cushman; and Lumsden of Connecticut.

The Church is a beautiful and firm stone edifice, of the Gothic order, designed by Mr. Teft. It is a permanent and fitting memorial of God's blessing upon the early labors of our Itinerant Missionary. The Church was filled to overflowing with a deeply interested congregation. May the blessing of the Holy Spirit be richly vouchsafed to that infant but flourishing parish; and may the Lord mercifully build up His mystical temple there and elsewhere!

On the two following days, I had the pleasure of again uniting with my beloved clergy in the religious services and missionary counsels of our Convocation, in St. Stephen's Church, Providence. On the 14th of April, I was present and assisting at the annual meeting of the same body held in St. Paul's Church, North Providence.

My annual vernal visitation of the Parishes for the purpose of administering the Holy Rite of confirmation, was commenced on the 16th April in St. James' Church, Woonsocket, where I confirmed *sixteen* persons.

The first Sunday after Easter, April 18th, in Grace Church, Providence, I confirmed *eleven* persons, which with four previously reported in this Address, make *fifteen* confirmed in this Parish during the year.

April 19th, *two* persons were confirmed in St. Paul's Church, Wickford.

April 21st, *three* in Christ Church, Westerly.

April 23d, *one* in St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich.

April 25th, second Sunday after Easter, in St. Paul's Church, North Providence, *six*.

I met with several of my brother Bishops in St. John's Church, New York, on the 29th, for the purpose of responding to the affectionate and fraternal request of the Society for propagating the gospel in foreign parts, and of His Grace, the Archbishop of Canterbury, that our Church should send out two or more Bishops to take part in the closing services of this third jubilee of the Society. I had the honor of offering resolutions, which, with some changes, were adopted by the Bishops present. I have already alluded to the fact, that the doings of the Bishops, (previously sent by their Secretary, under the apprehension that peculiar circumstances would prevent the attendance of any of our Bishops,) will be reported and advocated by the appointed Delegates in person.

May 11th, I preached in St. Philip's Church, Crompton, but there was no confirmation.

Subsequent visitations have been as follows :

May 16th, fifth Sunday after Easter, A. M., *four* persons were confirmed in St. Mark's Church, Warren. At 3 o'clock, P. M., *twenty-one* in St. Michael's Church, Bristol ; and on the following day, *one* sick person of the same parish, in a private house, making *twenty-two* in all.

May 18th, I preached in St. Paul's Church, Portsmouth, and after service, confirmed a sick person at his own house.

May 19th, I preached in the Chapel of the Holy Cross, Middletown : Evening prayer was said by Rev. John Kelly. Rev. Messrs. Williams and Millett, were also present.

May 20th, Ascension Day, St. Mary's Church, Portsmouth, was consecrated to the service and glory of the Eternal Trinity in Unity. This substantial and well-proportioned structure, completely furnished with all things necessary to the sacred uses for which it is designed, is one of the best specimens of ecclesiastical architecture, for a rural parish, which Upjohn has produced. Its walls are built of stone quarried in the neighborhood, ornamented with the red free stone of New Jersey. This munificent gift of faith and love, from an intelligent and pious church-woman, is now set apart as a free House of Prayer for the spiritual benefit of the adjacent Islanders in all coming generations. The Deed of Donation and request to consecrate, (by the Trustees of the Church Farm on which it has been built, a gift from the same Donor,) was read by Rev. Hobart Williams, and the sentence of consecration by Rev. Daniel C. Millett, Missionary, and Minister of St. Mary's. Morning Prayer was said by Rev. Daniel Henshaw, and the Rev. Joseph Trapnell Junr., assisted in the Psalter and Lessons, by Rev. Messrs. Kelly, Hathaway and Brewer. An appropriate sermon was preached by myself, and I was assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion by the Rev. Messrs. Millett, Williams, Hathaway and Penny. Rev. Messrs. B. Watson, Randolph, Eames, Stewart, Chevers, and Anthony, were also present and assisting. *Four* persons were confirmed.

May 21st, *two* were confirmed in St. Matthew's Church, Jamestown.

May 23d, Sunday after Ascension, at 10 1-2 o'clock, A. M., in Trinity Church, Newport, *twenty-one* persons were confirmed; and the same afternoon, in a private house, *one* belonging to the same parish—*twenty-two* in all.

At 3 o'clock, P. M. in Zion Church, *eight*—making with those previously reported, *nineteen* in this parish during the year. At 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., I confirmed *eighteen* persons, at the Missionary Station in the same town, under the charge

of Rev. Kensey Johns Stewart. Every part of the Baptist Meeting House, where the services are held, was crowded.—Missionary services were commenced here by Rev. John L. Gay, about eleven months ago. Under his labors and those of his successor, God has richly blessed this mission.

I am informed that a congregation has been organized, and that it is in contemplation soon to make an effort, (which it is hoped may prove successful,) to raise means for the erection of a substantial stone church, of large dimensions, for the use of this newly formed parish.

May 26th, *four* persons were confirmed in the Chapel, at the Missionary Station, in Phenix.

May 27th, *two* in Emanuel Church, Manville.

May 30th, Whitsunday, in St. John's Church, Providence, *nine.*

May 31st, Monday in Whitsun-week, *nine* in Christ Church, Lonsdale, which in addition to those already reported, make *sixteen* in this parish within four months.

June 1st, in St. Andrew's Church, Providence, Tuesday in Whitsun-week, *three.*

June 3d, in Ascension Church, Wakefield, *six.*

June 4th, St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, *eleven.*

June 6th, Trinity Sunday, in St. Stephen's Church, Providence, *ten.*

On each of the above named occasions of confirmation, I delivered a sermon and address. The whole number confirmed by me since the last convention, is *one hundred and ninety-six.*

The following changes have occurred in the residences of the Clergy of the Diocese during the past year. The Rev. G. W. Hathaway has become the Rector of Christ Church, Lonsdale ; Rev. Samuel Penny, Jr., has, owing to his feeble health, resigned the charge of Emanuel Church, Manville ; and the Rev. Thomas L. Randolph that of St. Paul's Church, Portsmouth. The Rev. William Spencer Child has re-

signed the rectorship of St. Peter's Church, Johnston, and has been transferred to the Diocese of Massachusetts.

The Rev. Kensey Johns Stewart has been received, with a letter of dismission from the Bishop of Ohio, and is officiating at the Missionary Station, in Newport. The Rev. Joseph Trapnell, Jr., has been received, with a dimissory letter from the Bishop of Maryland, and has been elected Rector of St. Michael's Church, Bristol. The Rev. John Kelly, duly transferred from the Diocese of New Hampshire, has entered upon his duties as Rector of St. Mark's Church, Warren ; and, Rev. Robert B. Fairbairn, having been received with a letter dimissory from the Diocese of New York, has become the Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Providence.

Philip Toque, lately a minister of the Methodist denomination, has been received as a candidate for Holy Orders, and with my permission, is spending his six months' probation at the Theological Seminary connected with Trinity College.

Frank William Anthony, Edward Livingston Drown, William Hammond Mills and Edward Powars Gray, still remain as candidates for Orders ; and the three last named continue their theological studies under my direction and tuition, in the city of Providence.

For the doings of the Depository Board, the Missionary Convocation, and other stated organs of the Diocese, I must refer you to their respective Reports, which will be laid before the Convention.

I cannot, however, refrain from expressing my regret, that some of our Parishes withhold their aid from Diocesan Missions under the charge of Convocation, and that so many of the Clergy have failed to discharge their Canonical duty, by having a collection in their respective Churches, in aid of the fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen, and of superannuated Clergymen of the Diocese. Surely, every Churchman in Rhode Island, should contribute to the funds of Convocation as a token of gratitude to God for

His past and continued blessings upon its labors. And if it be the duty of the State to grant pensions to the families of those who have fallen in the service of their country, it is the no less imperative duty of the Church to make some provision for the support and comfort of the relicts and descendants of those who have fallen, or become disabled, in the service of Christ at her altars. In the whole circle of benevolent institutions, I know of none which have stronger claims upon your sympathy and aid, than the two now named; and I trust, it will never again be my painful duty to complain of their being neglected by any of our parishes, or clergy.

An analysis of the foregoing report will show, that during the past year I have consecrated *two* Churches, confirmed *one hundred and ninety-six persons.* Delivered (including those in my own parish,) about *two hundred* sermons and addresses.

There are also *twenty eight* clergymen, and *five* candidates for Holy Orders, canonically belonging to this Diocese.

My Episcopal duties for the year were brought to a close, by delivering in your presence, this morning, a Charge, as a substitute for the usual Convention Sermon.

I am now ready to proceed with you in the ordinary business of this Annual Convention, which, I trust, may be gone through with the unanimity and dispatch to which we have been accustomed in former years. As a band of brethren, having one heart and one mind, holding to the "One Lord, one faith, one baptism," let us engage in the duties now before us, as one of the stated councils of Christ's Holy Church. Let our ordinary business be pervaded and sanctified by the spirit of devotion. In the midst of all our deliberations and acts, let us never lose sight of the important mission of the Church to the people among whom we dwell. We need more fervency in prayer, more liberality in our gifts, more unanimity in our efforts. O, if every Pastor would be more faithful, if every parish would be more prompt and generous in well doing, if every individual were more fervent in prayer, then our fu-

ture success would shed a continually brightening lustre upon past triumphs ; and by God's blessing, the cause of the Church would advance with accelerated progress, and we should, annually and daily, be accomplishing more in the salvation of souls, the edification of the Church, and the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

J. P. K. HENSHAW.
Bishop of Rhode Island.

Newport, June 8th, 1852.

The rules of order were read by the Secretary.

The Committee on the application of new parishes, reported in favor of Emanuel Church, Newport: whereupon, on motion, said parish was admitted into union with the Convention. Thomas Millington and Edward Smith appeared as Lay Delegates from the above named Church.

The election for Secretary being now held, the Rev. Benjamin Watson was announced as having been chosen.

The Treasurer had leave to defer presenting his Report till to-morrow.

The Annual Report of the Standing Committee was read, as follows :

To the Diocese of Rhode Island at their Annual Meeting, June, 1852.

The Standing Committee for said Diocese respectfully report:— that after the appointment of the Board, in 1851, the members met at the house of the Rev. Dr. Crocker, in Providence, on the 11th day of August, 1851, and elected

Rev. Nathan B. Crocker, D. D., President ; and Thomas Burgess, Secretary.

And at that meeting the Committee took into consideration the request, and evidence in relation to the approval of the Consecration of the Rev. John Williams, D. D., as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut ; and gave their consent and approbation to his consecration as such.

And at the meeting of the Board holden at the house of the Rev. President on the thirteenth day of October, 1851,

The requests and evidences in relation to the approval of the Consecration of the Rev. William Creighton, D. D., Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of New York ; and the Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D. D., Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois, being pre-

sented and fully considered, the Committee gave their consent and approbation to the consecration of the Reverend gentlemen to the offices as requested.

And at the meeting of the Board, holden on the third day of February, 1852,

On the application of the Rev. Philip Tocque to be received as a candidate for Holy Orders, under Canon Seventh, of 1847, he having been a Licensed Local Preacher in the Methodist Denomination, on due consideration, the Committee recommended the said Tocque to the Bishop as a candidate for Holy Orders, under the said Seventh Canon of 1847.

THOMAS BURGESS, Secretary.

The Board of Missions, on request, obtained leave to defer presenting their Report till to-morrow.

The Boards of Education and Sunday Schools announced, through their chairmen, that as no matters pertaining to them had come before them during the past year, they had no further reports to offer.

The Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes presented the following as their Annual Report :

To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Rhode Island.

The Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes begs leave respectfully to report.

The Board decided against receiving a deed in behalf of the Diocese, from the Trustees of the building known as Christ Church, Providence, as no suitable lot could be obtained on which it might be placed within the means of the Board ; said building has since been sold for the payment of ground rent, and has thus become lost to the Church in Rhode Island.

The Board have during the past year chosen Judge Burgess, Counsel for the Board, in relation to collecting the rents of the farm at Tower Hill, which forms a part of the Episcopal Fund of this Diocese. Respectfully submitted,

W. T. GRINNELL,
Secretary.

Providence, June 9th, 1852.

Permission was granted to the Depository Board to defer their report till to-morrow.

The Board for the relief of Widows and Orphans, &c., then presented their Report, which was, on motion, referred to the Finance Committee. (See appendix.)

The following Parochial reports were then handed in to the Bishop:

GRACE CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Right Rev. J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D. Rector.

Baptisms,	Adults,		11	
	Infants,		32	
	Total,			43
Confirmed,				15
Communicants,	Added,		27	
	Died and removed,		17	
	Present number,			330
Marriages,				23
Burials,				33
Sunday School,	Teachers,			28
	Catechumens or Pupils,			200
	Volumes in Library,			837
Sunday Offerings, Missions,	Foreign,	$186 81		
	Domestic,	175 86		
	Diocesan, and city, about	600 00		
Widows and Orphans of Clergy,		34 90		
Communion Alms,		213 68		
Other contributions, about		453 00		
	Total,			$1,664 25

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms, 27; Confirmed, 9; Added to Communion, 14; Marriages, 12: Burials, 17; Communicants, 260.

Sunday Schools—Morning—Teachers, 20; pupils, 125. Infant, Teacher, 1; pupils, 45. Noon School, colored—Teachers, 20; pupils, 100.

Total—Teachers, 41; pupils, 270.

N. B. Crocker.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms, 18, (Adults 6, Infants 12,) Marriages, 9; Burials, 13; Confirmed, 10; Communicants added, 19; died or removed, 11; present number, 133. Missionary and other charitable offerings, $580. The Sunday School remains as last year. Six hundred volumes have been added to its library.

We thankfully recognize some tokens of a slowly advancing prosperity, both in temporal and spiritual things.

Throughout the last two Lenten seasons, our Church has been open for daily Prayer, at an early hour of the morning; and we feel assured that those services were a source both of pleasure and profit to many who attended them.

It is proper to add in this connection, that during the past year, we have been enabled to procure a beautiful silver Communion Service; the larger part of the cost having been kindly supplied by a few generous friends in St. John's Church.

HENRY WATERMAN, *Rector.*

ST. ANDREWS' CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

The services at St. Andrew's have been so much interrupted during the past year, that it is difficult to give any very accurate account of its condition. It is but six weeks since the present Rector entered upon his duties. Most of the persons who had been connected with the Parish have returned, and are regular in their attendance, making a congregation of about 60 persons There are about 30 Communicants. There is an attendance of 34 children at Sunday School; 3 have been confirmed. The record of baptisms and other parochial duty, not having been furnished by my predecessor, cannot now be given.

R. B. FAIRBAIRN, *Rector.*

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, WARREN.

Rev. Jno. Kelly, Rector.

Baptisms,	Adults,	0	
	Infants,	5	5
Confirmations,			3
Communicants,	Added,	3	
	Present number,		117
Marriages,			0
Burials,			5
Sunday School,	Teachers,		19
	Scholars,		90
Contributions,	For Missions,	$24 00	
	" Convocation,	37 50	
	" Parish Library, &c.,	3 65	
		$65 15	

The Rectorship of this Parish was vacant from the first of July, last year, to the first of April, this year, a period of nine months, when the present Rector entered upon his duties.

WARREN, June 7th, 1852.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BRISTOL.

The undersigned respectfully reports that he became connected with this Parish as Rector, on the 1st day of January, of the present year. The following statement must, in consequence of his short connection with the Parish be, in many important particulars, defective. But, as far as ascertained, the statistics of the Parish are as follows:

Baptisms performed since January 1st, 1852; Adults, 10. Candi-

dates confirmed, 22; Communicants added, 21; Buried, 4. Present number as far as ascertained, though probably something short of the actual number, 260. Marriages, 3; Burials, 11; Sunday School Teachers, male 8; female, 14,—22; Sunday School Scholars, about 120.

The prospects of good in this Parish are encouraging, the material to operate upon is ample, and there seems to be a growing disposition to co-operate with the Rector in his plans, for the spiritual improvement of his charge. The Rector looks with great interest and anxiety to the young. The Sunday School he considers of the utmost importance, and when properly and energetically conducted, the very life of a congregation. With these views deeply impressed upon his mind, arrangements have been made for enlarged operations. The spacious basement of the Church has been fitted up and arranged expressly for the convenient and comfortable accommodation of the school, and with increased facilities, and a growing appreciation of the value of Sunday School training, the undersigned confidently looks forward for encouraging results, relying upon the Scripture promises and guaranties which everywhere seem to cluster around the young.

JOSEPH TRAPNELL, Jr., *Rector.*

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH.

To the Right Rev. J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D., Bishop of Rhode Island.

Report for the year ending June 7, 1852, of the Parish of St. Mary's Church, Portsmouth.

Baptisms—Adults,	3		
Children,	2		
Total,			5
Confirmations,			4
Communicants—Added,	6		
Died,	1		
Removed,	1		
Present number,			16
Marriages,			5
Burials,			6
Sunday School—Teachers,			7
" " Scholars,			55

D. C. MILLETT, *Minister.*

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY CROSS, MIDDLETOWN.

H. Williams, Missionary.

The small number of worshippers, who attend the services in this place, still maintain their interest in them; but no material change has occurred since the last report.

June 8th, 1852.

TRINITY CHURCH. NEWPORT.

Baptisms—Adults, 12; Infants, 21; total, 33. Confirmations, 22. Communicants—Added, 34; Died and Removed, 18; Present number, 225. Marriages, 5. Burials, 20. Sunday School—Teachers, 15. Scholars, 150.

Offerings, for Emanuel Church, Newport, -	$679 52
" " Greenville, R. I., - - -	40 00
" " Itinerant Mission, - -	100 00
" " Fall River, - - - -	65 00
" " Indiana, - - - -	30 00
" " Wisconsin, - - - -	41 00
" " Other objects, - - -	378 50
Total, - -	$1,334 02

The Pastor of this Parish feels grateful to Almighty God for the spiritual blessings that have been bestowed during the year past.—The number and character of the additions to the Communion have greatly encouraged his heart, and strengthened his hands. In the multitude of his sorrows, *these* comforts have refreshed his soul.

Nor can he close this report without putting upon record the unwearied generosity and hearty sympathy that he has received from his Parishioners. "The Lord deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me."

DARIUS RICHMOND BREWER, *Rector.*

EMANUEL CHURCH, NEWPORT.

To the Rt. Rev. J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D., Bishop of Rhode Island.

This Parish, which has been called into being by the Providence of God, through the instrumentality of several zealous members of the Church, who have patiently labored in establishing a Sunday School, and visiting the needy, and instructing the ignorant, for two years past, began the celebration of the Lord's Supper with only four communicants, about six months since; the number has now advanced to 44. It was duly organized by the choice of a Vestry and Wardens in March last. The attendance upon the services has increased until there is not room enough to accommodate the congregation, and many are compelled to go away. To meet this demand for more room, a member of Trinity Church has offered a lot of land and stone enough to erect a Church. It is hoped that his example will induce others, who have the ability, to contribute towards this object.

Baptisms—1 Adult, and 20 Children—21. Funerals, 8. Confirmations, 18. Sunday School scholars, 152; Teachers, 20.—Communicants, 44.

Offerings, - - -	$11 48	
Collections, - -	45 88	
Total, for 7 months,		$67 36

K. J. STEWART, *Rector.*

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, WOONSOCKET.

Baptisms,	Adults,	8	
	Infants,	19	
	Total,		27
Confirmations,			15
Communicants,	Added,	21	
	Died or removed,	23	
	Present number,	113	
Marriages,			11
Burials,			13
Sunday School,	Teachers,		25
	Scholars,		174

Missions, Foreign and Domestic,	$70 00	
Widows and Orphans of Clergy,	9 00	
Sewing Circle, for Parochial objects,	50 00	
Other contributions,	64 97	
Total,		$193 97

BAYLIES P. TALBOT, *Rector.*

EMANUEL CHURCH, MANVILLE.

Since the meeting of last Convention, the undersigned has been able to perform but very little parochial duty, having suffered with ill health during the greater part of the year last past. From the first of July to the November following, he was absent from his Parish, being detained for the larger portion of that time by sickness, which compelled him then to resign his charge. During the last three months he has been residing among his former flock, and officiating among them according to his ability, but without resuming his regular connection with them as Pastor. The Parish is now without a Rector, though there is reason to hope that God, in His good Providence, will in a short time provide them with one. For particulars of the Parish during the period of absence and sickness above mentioned, reference must be made to the Report of Rev. J. H. Carpenter, who at that time supplied the pulpit.

During the different periods of his ministrations in the Parish, the undersigned has baptized 2 Adults and 2 Infants—total 4. Buried, 2. The Sunday School remains in about the same condition as last reported, with the exception of the removal of its valued superintendent. Number of communicants, 24. Added, 2. Removed, 3.—Died, 1. Confirmations, 2.

The undersigned would remark in closing, that with the exception of a financial embarrassment, which it is hoped will be but temporary, the condition of the Parish appears to him to be more than usually hopeful. An interest in religion and the Church is manifested, both in individual demeanor and conversation, and in an increased attendance upon the services of the Sanctuary. That these appearances may soon ripen into corresponding results, is the prayer of their late Rector. SAMUEL PENNY, JR.

CHRIST CHURCH, LONSDALE.

The undersigned entered upon the Rectorship of this Church, on the 20th of July last. He has not been long enough in the parish to speak confidently of its state and prospects. He has, so far, felt encouraged. He has to acknowledge many tokens of kindness to himself and family. There have been during the last Conventional year,

Baptisms—Infants,	- -	13
Adults,	- -	6
Total,	-	19
Confirmations,	- - -	16
Communicants—Died,	-	2
Removed,	-	2
Added,	-	20
Present number,		73
Marriages,	- - -	9
Burials,	- - -	28
Sunday School Teachers,	-	17
Scholars	- - -	100

Of the above, 4 baptisms, (infants,) 1 marriage, and 10 burials, were performed by my predecessor, as appears from the records.

GEORGE W. HATHAWAY, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NORTH PROVIDENCE.

To the Right Rev. J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Rhode Island.

Report for the year ending June, 1852, of the Parish of St. Paul's Church, North Providence.

Baptisms—Adults	- -	3		
Children,	- -	10		
Total,	- -		13	
Confirmations,	- - - -		6	
Communicants—Added,	-	6		
Died,	- -	3		
Present number, about			200	
Marriages,	- - -		22	
Funerals,	- - - -		43	
Sunday School—Teachers,		20		
Scholars,		180	Av'age attendance, about 120	
Library, about		670		

Missions in the Diocese, - -	$60 00
Sunday Offerings for S. School, Education, &c.	189 10
Jubilee collection, - - -	11 07
For Greenville Church, - - -	7 62

The congregation of St. Paul's has very much increased the last year. The Sunday School is prosperous. It becomes my painful duty to record the death of David Wilkinson, Esq. He was one of the principal founders, and, for many years, munificent supporters of

this Church. He also established a Church in Sutton, Mass., and another in Cohoes, N. Y. His praise, if not in all, is in many, of the churches.

GEORGE TAFT, *Rector.*

To the Right Reverend the Bishop of Rhode Island.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, CROMPTON.

Baptisms—Infants,		3
Communicants—Added	1	
Died and removed,	4	
Present number,		23
Marriages		2
Burials,		3
Sunday School—Teachers,		6
Scholars,		35
Contributions for Widows and Orphans,		$2 14

STATION AT PHENIX.

Baptisms—Adults,	1	
Infants	3	
Total,		4
Confirmations,		4
Communicants—Added,	5	
Died and removed,	2	
Present number,		9
Burials,		1
Sunday School—Teachers,		4
Scholars,		28
Contributions for Widows and Orphans,		$2 00

I would respectfully report, that since the last Convention, I have continued to officiate under your direction, thrice on every Sunday, when circumstances would allow. In the morning at St. Philip's, in the afternoon at the Chapel, in Phenix; and in the evening, either at Richmond Mills, or Clayville.

I have delivered lectures on Wednesday and Friday evenings during Lent, and on all the principal Festivals and Fasts of the Church. I superintend two Sunday Schools, teach a Bible Class, and catechise the children openly, in the Church, I have preached 170 sermons; read Service, 176 times; baptized 7 persons, solemnized 2 marriages, buried 4 persons, and assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion, on several occasions.

G. W. CHEVERS, *Deacon.*

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, EAST GREENWICH.

Baptisms—Infants, 9. One confirmed. Communicants—Died, 2; added, 4; whole number, about 60. Marriages, 4; burials, 5.—Sunday School—Teachers, male, 4; female, 12; Scholars—male, 44; female, 60. Average attendance, about 55. The children have been frequently catechised in the church; and much credit is due to the Superintendant and Teachers.

Sunday Offerings, about $150; Collection for the Fund for Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, $8 46; and for Itinerant Mission, $12 50.

Many thanks are given to the Rev. Mr. Burge, for assistance; and to the members of the congregation, for repeated tokens of kindness and regard. S. A. Crane, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NORTH KINGSTOWN.

Baptisms—Adults,			2
Confirmations,			2
Communicants—Added,		3	
Died and removed		3	
Present number,			56
Marriages			2
Burials,			9
Sunday School—Teachers			9
Scholars,			60
Sunday Offerings, Communion Alms, and Other Contributions.	Missions.	Foreign,	$33 00
		Domestic,	20 00
		Diocesan,	83 93
Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen,			12 00
Church Building,			26 00
Other objects,			267 93
Total,			$442 86

The Chapel referred to in the last report, has been completed.

In the early part of this "Jubilee" year, an appropriate tablet was erected in the Church, to the memory of Rev. Dr. McSparran and Rev. Mr. Fayerweather, missionaries of the S. P. G. F. P. to St. Paul's, Narragansett. The church has been repainted, and otherwise improved. Daniel Henshaw, *Rector.*

ASCENSION CHURCH, WAKEFIELD.

Baptisms (adults, 6, infants, 2,) 8; Confirmations, 6. Communicants—added, 7; present number, 44. Marriages, 3. Burials, 7. Sunday School—Teachers, 7; Scholars, 50. Communion Alms, $21 41. Contributions for Church purposes, $21 59.

No merely statistical report can do justice to the humble, but persevering labors of a few friends of the Church, in a comparatively destitute region; nor can such labors be duly appreciated, except by those who have themselves labored with a missionary zeal in missionary ground. The progress of truth is necessarily slow, nor do its results appear in any thing that is likely to interest the mere observer; while the laborer in the vineyard, however humble his sphere, will rejoice at every sign of life in a field where life seemed almost extinct.

The burden has fallen upon a few; but they have borne it cheerfully, and their generous efforts have met with encouraging success.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle, have, within little more than a year, raised $210 for purposes connected with the interests of the Parish. Their untiring zeal, under many discouragements, deserves my most grateful acknowledgments. Nor should I close this report without expressing the grateful obligation I am under to the Rev. Mr. Carpenter, for valuable assistance ; and to the Sunday School Teachers, for their not unsuccessful efforts to interest the young placed under their care.

There is, here, much to be done ; and of this field it may with great propriety be said, " The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

May the Lord of the Harvest raise up those who, in laboring to spread the light of the gospel, while they bring blessing on others, will themselves be blessed. F. J. WARNER, *Rector*.

CHRIST CHURCH, WESTERLY.

Baptisms—Infants -	4	
Confirmations, -	3	
Communicants—Added -	5	
Removed,	5	
Present number,	160	
Marriages, - - -	2	
Burials, - - - -	3	
Sunday School—Teachers, -	20	
Scholars,	100	
Sunday Offerings—Diocesan, -		$155 76
Foreign Missions,		40 00
Domestic do. -		46 00
Widows and Orphans,		10 00
Charitable contrib. about		100 00
Total, -		$361 76
Church Repairs, &c. - -		500 00
Total, -		$861 76

THOMAS H. VAIL, *Rector*.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, JAMESTOWN.

Baptisms—Adults, - -	2
Confirmations, - - -	2
Communicants—Added, - -	2
Present number, -	14
Collections for Widows' and Orphans' Fund,	$3 00
" " all other purposes, -	11 00
	$14 00

GEORGE ANTHONY, *Deacon*.

REPORT OF GENERAL MISSIONARY.

Baptisms,	Adults,	7	
	Infants,	6	
	Total,		13
Confirmations,			11
Communicants,	Died,	2	
	Removed,	1	
	Present number,		23
Marriages,			2
Burials,			4
Sunday Schools,	Teachers,		19
	Scholars,		147

During the past Conventional year I have preached upwards of two hundred times—have had the charge of three Sunday Schools, taught two Bible Classes each Sunday, and have spent much time during week days in visiting the people from place to place. To accomplish these labors I have driven and rode about 6,000 miles.

Greeneville.

The Church at Greeneville was consecrated last March. Since then 47 pews have been rented and are well occupied from Sunday to Sunday, with devout worshippers, and attentive hearers of God's Word. There has been and is much spiritual interest amongst the people. *Some* of the fruits of that interest were manifested in the *eleven* who presented themselves before the Bishop, at his last visitation, to ratify their Baptismal vows. *More* of the same fruit we trust, will soon be fit for the Masters service.

The Ladies Sewing Circle has not at all abated in zeal. " Their works of faith and labors of love" afford great cause for gratitude.—About $300 has been raised by them in one year, and devoted to the furnishing of the Church.

The Sunday School is in a very interesting condition; and indeed all pertaining to the Missionary movement there appears to enjoy the special blessing of the Great Head of the Church, so that all who have in any way extended a helping hand towards this object must be gratified with the result.

Centredale.

I continued my services at Centredale until November last, when I gave up the station to the care of Rev. Mr. Lumsden. He, however, continued there but a short time, when it was left to the evils always resulting in new stations from a change or suspension in the services. I have visited amongst the people there since then, and Rev. Mr. Fairbairn of St. Andrew's Church, Providence, has very kindly given them a service on Sunday evenings, after his own services of the day were over. Many thanks are due H. C. Preston, M. D., for his kindness in furnishing conveyance to Rev. Mr. Fairbairn whilst thus officiating at this station.

The Sewing Circle at Centredale is in a very prosperous condi-

tion. The Sunday School is kept up with much spirit and interest. There are *three* candidates for Confirmation, and several candidates for Baptism.

Mapleville.

After having given up Centredale in November, I entered upon Missionary labors at Mapleville.

This village is situated in the town of Burrillville about eight miles North of Greenville, in a beautiful valley watered by a branch of the Blackstone. It is a manufacturing village surrounded by four or five other villages, all of which have sprung up within a few years. There are yet several unoccupied water privileges in the neighborhood which undoubtedly will soon be taken up. The population within church-going distance must be upward of 2,000. To accommodate this population with the means of Grace, the only religious services regularly held were those held in the Friends Meeting House, and the attendance upon these was very small. The position then of this village, and the spiritual destitution of the neighborhood, induced me to enter upon Missionary labors at this place. The principal owner of this village has fitted up a school house where I have held Services and a Sunday School every Sunday morning. The attendance as yet has not been very large, although it is now improving in both number and interest. The most favorable feature in this mission is the Sunday School. We get over 60 children together every Sunday who are all very much interested in their instruction. This interest has been much increased by the reception of a full library of Sunday school books, presented by Amasa Manton, Esq.; by whose kind and unsolicited liberality all my other Sunday Schools have also been supplied with libraries.

Valley Falls.

I have continued my labors all the past year at this place, holding service and preaching there every Sunday evening. The attendance upon the services has been very good. There has been a marked improvement in the deportment and devotion of the congregation, which has helped to balance many discouraging circumstances which have weighed against the success of this mission.—The fact is, it is a *hard field* to cultivate, and I know not in the whole of this Diocese a place where the evil seeds of error and prejudice and infidelity have been scattered with so profuse a hand as here. Hence the difficulty of introducing the good and the pure seed of divine truth, and the extremely slow growth which it must necessarily have. But shall we give up the work because it is difficult? God forbid, and give the workman patience and perseverance to labor on, believing that in "due season he *shall* reap."

J. H. Eames.

Right Rev. and Dear Sir :

The undersigned, under an abiding sense of signal favors received during his protracted inability to labor unweariedly in the vineyard of our Divine Master, respectfully reports : That since his last communication, he has preached at Wickford and Wakefield, once ; at Crompton and Phenix, twice, and thrice at St. Luke's, in East Greenwich. He has also, generally assisted his Rev. Brother, S. A. Crane, in the administration of the blessed Sacrament. And whenever it has been required of him, has broken the bread of life, (as he sincerely believes,) to a few worthy communicants, both in Crompton and Phenix.

LEMUEL BURGE, *Minister*,
Residing in East Greenwich.

East Greenwich, June 8, 1852.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MONROVIA, LIBERIA.

The Rector of this Infant Church begs leave to say, that up to his last report the regular services of the Church had been kept up in a proper manner, and that the congregation up to the time of his leaving Monrovia was in a thriving condition, &c.

And that since May, 1851, he has been in this country, (England,) soliciting aid in the erection of a church edifice, and school house, for the use of said congregation ; in which undertaking, by the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has met with some encouragement, and will return in a few weeks, to make glad the hearts of his dear little flock in Africa. He hopes, under God's blessing, to be enabled to give a more interesting account, should he live to make another report.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant in Christ,
E. W. STOKES.

London, May 3, 1852.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, TOWER HILL.

The following is the brief Parochial Report, which I have to make. I continued in charge of Christ Church, Lonsdale, until July 19th. I have not now the records at hand, but it is my impression that I attended three funerals, and celebrated holy Baptism five times, between that time and the Convention in June last. On Easter Monday last, I was invited to the charge of St. Paul's Church, Tower Hill.

ELISHA F. WATSON.

To the Right Rev. Bishop of Rhode Island.

During six months of the past Conventional year, I regularly officiated in Emanuel Church, Manville ; I have also rendered occasional services in various other parishes. In all, I have officiated on about eighty occasions of public worship, and have administered, and assisted in administering, the holy Communion, eleven times. I also report, funerals, two.

JAMES H. CARPENTER.

Narragansett, June 7, 1852.

ZION CHURCH, NEWPORT.

Baptisms,	Adults,	6	
	Infants,	7	
	Total,	13	
Confirmations,			8
Communicants,	Added,	17	
	Died and removed,	17	
	Present number,		152
Marriages,			2
Burials,			18
Sunday School,	Teachers,		22
	Scholars,		135

BENJAMIN WATSON, *Rector.*

On motion, it was ordered that 750 copies of the Episcopal CHARGE, delivered this morning, be printed, and, with the exception of 100 copies to be placed at the Bishop's disposal, be distributed by the Secretary.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 8 1-2 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

TRINITY CHURCH,
Wednesday, 8 1-2 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Eames. The Convention coming to order, the rolls were called, and the minutes read, and after correction, approved.

The Treasurer presented his Annual Report, which was referred to the Committee of Finance. (See appendix.)

The Board of Missions presented the following Report of their proceedings during the past year.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Missionary Convocation respectfully report to the Convention, that they have met, during the past year, in each of the following churches. viz: Christ Church, Westerly; St. Paul's, Wickford; St. Paul's, Portsmouth; Grace, Providence; St. Stephen's, Providence; and St. Paul's, North Providence.

At each of these meetings the usual religious services have been held, and with the exception of that at Portsmouth, the customary business of the Convocation, has been transacted.

The receipts of the past year, not including contributions for the Itinerant Mission and Jubilee collections, have amounted to $1,091 44 cents, and the expenditures to $1,014 06, leaving a balance of $77 38 in the hands of the Treasurer.

The amount of the collections made at the service celebrating the third Jubilee of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, was $244 28.

In addition to the sums above named, $800 have been annually contributed for the support of the Itinerant Missionary.

The following Churches and Missionary Stations have been aided by us from the ordinary funds of Convocation: St. Paul's, Portsmouth; St. Andrew's, Providence; Centredale, the Valley of the Pawtuxet, and the Station in Newport; an application from which, has been responded to at your present meeting, by the admission of Immanuel Church into union with this Convention.

The Rev. Messrs. Lumsden and Fairbairn have been appointed Missionaries; the former to Centredale, and the latter to St. Andrew's, Providence.

The Rev. Messrs. Bartlett, Lumsden, and Randolph, have resigned their Stations.

It affords us much pleasure to report, that the Church at Greenville, which was commenced before the meeting of the last Convention, has been completed and consecrated. The congregation is large, and a sufficient number of the pews have been rented to assure us that this parish will, during the present year, become self-supporting. It is a cause of devout thankfulness, that the prosperity of this station has not been confined to its temporal affairs. Another large class of candidates was presented for confirmation at the late visitation of the Bishop.

The Itinerant Missionary has, for the greater part of the year, officiated every Sunday, at Mapleville, (in the town of Burrillville,) in the morning; at Greenville, in the afternoon; and at Valley Falls, in the evening. At each of these places he has a Sunday School and Bible Class.

For the last two months the Rev. Mr. Fairbairn has supplied the station at Centredale.

For particular information respecting the condition of the stations under the charge of the Convocation, we would refer to the Annual Address of the Bishop, and the Reports of the several Missionaries.

As we cast our eye over the field of our operations, we cannot but feel greatly encouraged, when we see that the cause which must be dear to us all, is steadily advancing. There is not a single station under our charge, which has retrograded during the past year, whilst nearly, if not quite, all of them, have been decidedly improving.

We are still more encouraged when we look upon those parishes, once aided by us, but which are now self-supporting, and behold their vigor, and the good promise they give for the future.

Need we add a single word to excite in your bosoms a deep interest in our work? Surely, no one can candidly contemplate the results of our efforts, without seeing that we have been abundantly repaid for all our labors and contributions. We lament that any of our brethren should withhold their co-operation, and would earnestly en-

treat all who are not now connected with us, to give us the benefit of their counsel and contributions. There is much, very much, to be done for the Lord, within the limits of our Diocese. Great is the spiritual destitution of many portions of this Commonwealth. Can we not—*will* we not do more for the perishing souls around us?

"Finally, brethren, pray for us."

We need your prayers. Pray frequently and fervently for us, and then the work of the Lord will prosper in our hands far more than it now does.

J. P. K. HENSHAW, *President.*

D. HENSHAW, *Sec'ry.*

The regular Annual Elections were then held, resulting as follows:

Treasurer, Ezra W. Howard, Esq.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	Thomas Burgess,
" George Taft,	Resolved Waterman,
" Thomas H. Vail,	G. S. Wardwell,
" G. W. Hathaway,	Edward Walcott.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(The Bishop, Chairman, ex-officio.)

Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	E. W. Howard,
" Hobart Williams,	G. S. Wardwell,

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(The Bishop, Chairman, ex-officio,)

Rev. Joseph Trapnell, Jr.,	J. H. Gilliat,
" Daniel Henshaw,	C. H. Dabney.

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Robert H. Ives,	Amasa Manton,
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(The Bishop, Chairman, ex-officio.)

Alexander Duncan,	Resolved Waterman,
William T. Grinnell,	G. S. Wardwell,

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(The Bishop, Chairman, ex-officio.)

Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	E. W. Howard,
" James H. Eames,	E. Walcott.

The Committee of Finance presented their Report, which was received, and the Resolution appended thereto, adopted. (See Appendix.)

The following Resolution was then offered and passed:

Resolved, That whenever the Canons of this Diocese shall be re-printed, the Secretary, or Committee, to whom such printing shall be entrusted, be instructed to number and print the Canon entitled "Of the Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes," as Canon V.; said Canon having been adopted as the V., but accidentally printed as the VI., in the Appendix to the Journal of the last Convention; and that the Canon entitled, "Of the Board for the relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, and also of superannuated and infirm Clergymen," which has never been numbered by the Convention, be numbered and printed as the VI. The other Canons to be numbered and printed as they appear in the Appendix to the Journal of the last Convention.

The Secretary then read the following proposed amendment of Article V. of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U. S. A., as agreed upon in General Convention, 1850: (See Journal, pp. 72, 83, 85.)

Resolved, The House of Bishops concurring, that it is expedient to amend the Constitution, by substituting for the Fifth Article of the Constitution, the following Article:

ARTICLE V.

A Protestant Episcopal Church in any of the United States, or any Territory thereof, not now represented, may, at any time hereafter, be admitted on acceding to this Constitution; and a new Diocese to be formed from one or more existing Dioceses, may be admitted under the following restrictions:

No new Diocese shall be formed, or erected within the limits of any other Diocese, nor shall any Diocese be formed by the junction of two or more Dioceses, or parts of Dioceses, unless with the consent of the Bishop and Convention of each Diocese concerned, as well as of the General Convention.

In case one Diocese shall be divided into two Dioceses, the Diocesan of the Diocese divided, may elect the one to which he will be attached, and shall thereupon become the Diocesan thereof. And the assistant Bishop, if there be one, may elect the one to which he

will be attached; and if it be not the one elected by the Bishop, he shall be the Diocesan thereof.

Whenever the division of the Diocese into two Dioceses shall be ratified by the General Convention, each of the two Dioceses shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese so divided, except as local circumstances may prevent, until the same may be altered in either Diocese by the Convention thereof. And whenever a Diocese shall be formed out of two or more existing Dioceses, the new Diocese shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of that one of the said existing Dioceses to which the greater number of Clergymen shall have belonged prior to the erection of such new Diocese, until the same may be altered by the Convention of the new Diocese.

Resolved, That the House of Bishops concurring, the above amendment be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions.

The above "proposed amendment" was ordered to be printed in the Journal, and laid over to the next Convention for consideration.

Resolved, That 750 copies of the Journal of this Convention be printed, under the direction of the President, Secretary and Treasurer, and distributed among the Parishes.

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention be held in Grace Church, Providence.

Resolved, That the sum of five dollars be paid the sexton of Trinity Church, for his services in attendance upon the Convention.

It was moved, and seconded, that Canon VI. be so amended, as that the expression, "made the duty of," in the second section, be changed to that of *recommended to*. After some discussion, the motion was ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the subject of the expediency of raising a fund for the support of the Episcopate, be referred to a Committee, to be composed of the lay-members of the "Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes," that they may take it into consideration, and report their views upon the whole subject to the next Convention of this Diocese.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed, to enquire whether Delegates claiming seats in this Convention,

otherwise than by a direct choice of the Parish, have a right to a seat in the same, and report to the next Annual Convention.

The Rev. S. A. Crane, and Messrs. R. H. Ives and Edward Walcott, were appointed that Committee.

Voted, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Rector and Parishioners of Trinity Church, and other citzens of Newport, for their hospitality extended to the members of the Convention, during their present session.

The Minutes of the entire session were then read and approved.

After the usual devotional exercises, the Convention adjourned.

J. P. K. HENSHAW, *President.*

BENJAMIN WATSON, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTTE ON CURRENT EXPENSES.

The Committee on Finance report that the sum required to pay the estimated expense of this Convention, is one hundred and fifty-eight dollars, which has been apportioned as follows, viz :

St. John's Church,	Providence,		$22 00
Grace,	"	"	22 00
St. Stephen's,	"	"	12 00
Trinity,	"	Newport,	19 00
Zion,	"	"	10 00
St. Paul's,	"	North Providence,	10 00
St. Michael's,	"	Bristol,	15 00
St. Mark's,	"	Warren,	10 00
Christ,	"	Lonsdale,	5 00
St. James's,	"	Woonsocket,	9 00
Christ,	"	Westerly,	9 00
St. Paul's,	"	Portsmouth,	2 00
Emanuel,	"	Manville,	2 00
St. Luke's,	"	East Greenwich,	3 00
St. Paul's,	"	Wickford,	3 00
Ascension,	"	Wakefield,	1 00
St. Peter's,	"	Johnston,	1 00
St. Andrew's,	"	Providence,	1 00
St. Philip's,	"	Crompton,	1 00
St. Thomas's,	"	Greenville,	1 00
			$158 00

The Committee beg leave to recommend the following resolution for adoption :

Resolved, That the Delegates from the different Churches now pay to the Treasurer the several assessments.

ROBERT H. IVES,
EDWARD WALCOTT,
JOHN STERNE,
} *Committee.*

NEWPORT, June 8, 1852.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON THE BISHOP'S SALARY.

The Committee on Finance have assessed the several Parishes in this Diocese, in accordance with the eighth Canon, for the salary of the Bishop as follows:

St. John's Church,	Providence,		$70 00
Grace,	"	"	70 00
St. Stephen's,	"	"	25 00
St. Andrew's,	"	"	3 00
Trinity,	"	Newport,	51 00
Zion,	"	"	38 00
St. Paul's,	"	North Providence,	31 00
St. Michael's,	"	Bristol,	41 00
St. Mark's,	"	Warren,	33 00
Christ,	"	Lonsdale,	16 00
St. James's,	"	Woonsocket,	28 00
Christ,	"	Westerly,	28 00
St. Paul's,	"	Portsmouth,	5 00
Emanuel,	"	Manville,	5 00
St. Luke's,	"	East Greenwich,	14 00
St. Paul's,	"	Wickford,	16 00
Ascension,	"	Wakefield,	14 00
St. Matthew's,	"	Jamestown,	3 00
St. Philip's,	"	Crompton,	1 00
St. Peter's,	"	Johnston,	3 00
Ch. of the Holy Cross,	Middletown,		5 00
			$500

The Committee recommend that the above assessments be collected and paid by the several Churches to the Treasurer, on or before the first day of October next.

ROBERT H. IVES,
EDWARD WALCOTT, } *Committee.*
JOHN STERNE,

NEWPORT, June 8, 1852.

Dr. *Permanent Fund in account with William T. Grinnell, Treasurer.* *Cr.*

1852, June 8. To amount credited in new account,	$640 42	1851, June 11. By balance from old account,	$572 84
		" Dec. 3. This amount second subscription of Right Rev. Dr. Henshaw to annuity fund.	20 00
		1852, Jan. 14. Interest on amount in Savings Bank,	47 58
			$640 42
	$640 42	1852, June 8. By balance of old account brought down,	$640 42

E. & O. E, WM. T. GRINNELL, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct.

ROBERT H. IVES,
EDWARD WALCOTT, } *Committee.*
JOHN STERNE,

Providence, June 8. 1852.

Dr. *Annuity Fund in account with William T. Grinnell, Treasurer.* *Cr.*

1852, June 8. To this amount credited in new account,	$480 11	1851, June 11. By balance from old account,	$474 74
		" amount of collection in St. Luke's, East Greenwich, for 1851,	5 37
			$480 11
1852, June 8. By balance of old account brought down,	$480 11		

E. & O. E. WM. T. GRINNELL, *Treasurer.*

Since the above was rendered, the following amounts have been received :—

Grace Church, Providence,	$37 21
St. Stephen's, "	18 00
St. Matthew's, Jamestown,	3 00
St. Paul's, Wickford,	12 00
St. James', Woonsocket,	9 00
St. Philip's, Crompton,	4 14

Examined and found correct

ROBERT H. IVES,
EDWARD WALCOTT, } *Committee.*
JOHN STERNE,

Providence, June 8, 1852.

Dr. *Convention Expenses, Diocese of Rhode Island, in account with E. W. Howard, Treas.* *Cr.*

1851.			
June 11.	To cash paid Jacob Weaver, (Sexton,) for services at Convention,	$5 00	
July 11.	To cash paid J. F. Moore, order favor G. H. Whitney, on account printing Journal, 1851,	30 00	
"	To cash paid Bishop Henshaw, from unappropriated funds of Convention, per vote of Convention,	50 00	
Sept. 4.	To cash paid J. F. Moore, order favor Sayles & Miller, on account printing Journal,	42 00	
Oct. 3,	To cash paid J. F. Moore, on account,	36 12	
1852.			
Mch. 20.	To cash paid Mut. Ins. Co., assessment on premium note for insurance of churches belonging to Convention,	5 04	
"	To cash paid J. F. Moore, balance of bill for printing Convention Journal, 1851.	16 88	
		185 04	
1852. June 8.	To balance of old account,	14 92	

1851.				
June 10.	By balance of old account,			$44 12
"	By assessment of St. Paul's, Wickford, assessment levied June 11, 1851,			3 00
"	"	"	St. Paul's, Portsmouth, do.	2 00
"	"	"	St. Philip's, Crompton, do.	1 00
"	"	"	Zion, Newport, do.	8 00
"	"	"	St. Mark's, Warren, do.	8 00
"	"	"	St. James's, Woonsocket, do.	7 00
"	"	"	St. Luke's, E. Greenw'h, do.	3 00
"	"	"	St. Paul's, Pawtucket, do.	8 00
"	"	"	Emanuel, Manville, do.	2 00
"	"	"	St. Stephen's, Prov., do.	9 00
"	"	"	Christ Ch., Westerly, do.	7 00
"	"	"	St. Andrew's Providence, do.	1 00
"	"	"	Trinity, Newport, do.	15 00
"	"	"	St. Michael's, Bristol, do.	12 06
"	"	"	St. Peter's, Johnston, do.	1 00
Oct. 2.	"	"	Grace Ch., Providence, do.	17 00
"	"	"	St. John's do. do.	17 00
8.	"	"	Ascension, Wakefield, do.	1 00
Jan. 8.	"	"	Christ, Lonsdale, do.	4 00
	"	"	Balance to new account,	14,92
				$185 04

E. E.

E. W. HOWARD, *Treasurer.*

NEWPORT, June 9, 1852.—The within account, showing a balance due the Treasurer of fourteen dollars and ninety-two cents [$14 92] Examined and found correct.

ROBERT H. IVES,
EDWARD WALCOTT, } *Committee.*
JOHN STERNE,

Dr. *Bishop's Salary, Diocese of R. I., in account with E. W. Howard, Treasurer.* *Cr.*

1851.			
June,	By cash paid Bishop Henshaw, from unappropriated funds of Convention, per order,		50 00
Nov.	"	"	70 00
"	"	"	167 00
1852.			
Jan. 17,	"	"	61 00
Feb. 11,	"	"	86 00
May 13,	"	"	68 00
"	"	"	3 00
June 9,	"	"	45 00
			$550 00

Examined and found correct,

ROBERT H. IVES,
EDWARD WALCOTT, } *Committee.*
JOHN STERNE,

Newport, June 9, 1852.

1851.			
June	By cash from unappropriated funds of Convention credited this account per order of Convention,		50 00
Oct. 13.	By assessment of June 10, 1852, of Holy Cross Chapel, Middletown,		5 00
14,	"	" Trinity Ch., Newport,	51 00
3,	"	" St. Michael's, Bristol,	41 00
31,	"	" St. John's, Providence,	70 00
31,	"	" Grace, "	70 00
1852.			
Jan. 7,	"	" Christ, Westerly,	28 00
7,	"	" Emanuel, Manville,	5 00
16,	"	" St. James's, Woonsocket,	28 00
20,	"	" St. Stephen's, Prov.,	25 00
26,	"	" Ascension, Wakefield,	14 00
27,	"	" St. Paul's, Wickford,	16 00
Feb. 4,	"	" St. Paul's, Pawtucket,	31 00
May 12,	"	" St. Mark's, Warren,	33 00
13,	"	" Zion, Newport,	38 00
June 7,	"	" St. Philip's, Crompton,	1 00
8,	"	" Christ, Lonsdale,	16 00
8,	"	" St. Luke's, E. Green'h.	14 00
8,	"	" St. Matthew's, Jamest'n.	3 00
8,	"	" St. Paul's Portsmouth,	5 00
8,	"	" St. Peter's, Johnston,	3 00
8,	"	" St. Andrew's, Prov.,	3 00
			$550 00

E. E.
June 9, 1852.

E. W. HOWARD, *Treasurer.*

Dr. *Donations for Extension of Missions, (Diocese of Rhode Island,) subject order of Bishop's, in account with E. W. Howard, Treasurer* *Cr.*

1851.			
July 6.	To cash paid Bishop's order favor Rev. W. S. Bartlett, for services at St. Andrew's,		75 00
1852.			
Jan. 6.	To cash paid Bishop's order favor Jas. C. Richmond,		75 00
Feb. 10.	" " " favor D. F. Lumsden,		25 00
20.	" " " " " " as loan to Convocation.		66 62
	Balance to new account,		169 77
			$411 39

1852.			
June 10,	By balance of old account,		104 77
18,	" cash of Treas. Sunday Offerings Grace Ch. Prov.,		50 00
	" Rev. F. W. Anthony for Centredale,		25 00
Sept. 13,	" Treas Sunday Offerings, Grace Church,		25 00
Nov. 24,	" " "		50 00
Dec. 17,	" Bishop Henshaw, (R. H. I.,) pledge St. Andrew's,		20 00
20,	" " (A. D.,) "		20 00
April 14,	" From Convocation, return of loan for Rev. D. F. Lumsden's salary,		66 62
June 4,	" Treas. Sunday Offerings, Grace Church,		50 00
			$411 39

1852. June 5, By balance of old account, $169 77

E. E. E. W. HOWARD, *Treasurer.*

Dr. *Depository Board, Diocese of Rhode Island, in account with E. W. Howard, Treasurer.* *Cr.*

1851, July 19.	To cash paid G. H. Whitney, agent of Depository for payment Daniel Dana's bill,	100 00	1851, Jan. 11.	By balance of old account, . . 132 59
	balance to new account, . .	73 99	"	" Communion collection Christ Ch., Lonsdale, 2 25
		$173 99	"	" " " Grace Providence, 12 90
			Aug.	" " " Christ, Westerly, 7 95
			Oct. 8.	" " " St. Paul's, Wickford, 3 49
			1852, Jan. 8.	" " " Grace, Providence, 8 27
			Oct.	" " " St. Paul's, Portsmouth, 2 08
			March 10,	" " " St. Stephen's, Prov. 2 75
			April 15,	" " " St. Paul's, Pawtucket, 1 71
				$173 99
			1852, June 7,	By balance of old account, . . $73 99

Examined and found correct.

Balance in hands of Treasurer seventy-three dollars and ninety-nine cents.

ROBERT H. IVES,
EDWARD WALCOTT, } *Committee.*
JOHN STERNE,

Newport, 9th June, 1852.

E. E. E. W. HOWARD, *Treasurer.*

Dr. *Rhode Island Episcopal Depository in account with G. H. Whitney, Agent.* *Cr.*

1851, July 10.	Paid Daniel Dana, . .	141 57	1851, June 10.	Balance, . . 23 77
1852, "	" T. C. Butler, . .	29 90	"	Stock on hand, . . . 296 18
June 7.	Books given away, . .	29 40	July 10.	Cash of E.W. Howard, . . 100 00
"	Discount allowed, . . .	2 10	1852, June 7.	Twenty-five per cent. profit, . 52 20
"	Freight, ...	4 25	"	Balance, . . . 5 98
"	Ten per cent. commission on sales, .	20 88		
"	Stock on hand, . . .	250 03		. $478 13
		$478 13		
			Stock on hand,	$250 03
"	Balance,	5 98		

Providence, June 7, 1852.

E. E. GEO. H. WHITNEY, Agent,
Per S. W. BROWN.

Dr. Missionary Convocation, Diocese of Rhode Island, in account with E. W. Howard, Treas. Cr.

1851, June 30.	By appropriation paid Rev. T. L. Randolph services to April 1, 1851,		135 00
"	"	Rev. W. S. Bartlett in full to July 1, 1851,	37 50
"	"	" Geo. W. Chevers,	500 00
"	"	" J. C. Richmond in full to Jan. 1, '52,	75 00
"	"	" D. F. Lumsden in full to May 1, 52,	116 62
"	"	" J. H. Eames rent of Hall at Valley Falls,	73 32
"	"	" J. H. Eames expenses at Centredale,	10 00
"	"	" Missionary at Newport per Trinity Church,	100 00
"	"	" Rev. S. A. Crane, St. Luke's East Greenwich,	50 00
"	"	" To account Jubilee Collections,	244 28
"	"	" " Extension Missions,	66 62
Balance to new account,			77 38
			$1,485 72

Due from St. John's, Prov. $24, to April 1, 1851.

Examined and approved,

THOMAS H. VAIL, *Aud. Com. of the Mis. Convocation.*

June 9, 1852.

1851, June 30.	By balance of old account,		109 32
"	Pledge of St. Paul's, Portsmouth, for yr. to April 1, 1852,		50 00
"	" St. Paul's, Pawtucket,	"	60 00
"	" St. Mark's, Warren,	"	35 00
"	" St. Andrew's Prov., 3 qrs.	"	45 00
"	" St. Stephen's, " 1 yr.	"	100 00
"	" St. Paul's, Wickford,	"	50 00
"	" Ascension, Wakefield,	"	22 50
"	" Christ Ch., Westerly,	"	75 00
"	" St. Philip's, Crompton,	"	50 00
"	" Phenix Chapel,	"	50 00
"	" St. John's, Providence,	"	150 00
"	" Emanuel,	"	20 00
"	" Trinity, Newport,	"	100 00
"	" St. Luke's, E. Greenwich,	"	50 00
"	" Grace Ch., Providence,	"	200 00
"	Donation, St. Michael's, Bristol, a lady	"	8 00
"	Am'ts credited in ac't Jubilee col's,	"	244 28
"	" " Ext'n Missions,	"	66 62
			$1,485 72
1852, June 7.	By balance of old account,		$77 38

E. E. E. W. HOWARD, *Treasurer.*

Dr. Funds for Dom. Missions, Diocese of Rhode Island, in account with E. W. Howard, Treas. Cr.

1851, Aug. 25.	To amount forwarded T. N. Stanford, Treas. D. N. Y.			63 01
Oct. 22.	"	Credited in act. Missionary Convocation as Jubilee collection		191 59
Dec. 13.	"	Forw'd T.N. Stanford, Tr., D.M. N.Y.		6 00
1852, Jan. 12.	"	" " "		226 02
Feb. 2.	"	" Joseph Hyde, Tr. Am. B. Soc.		34 00
" 10.	"	" T.N. Stanford, Tr., for J. S. Aspinwall, Tr.		17 02
March 17.	"	" Mrs. Truman Beckwith for colored shelter,		50 08
" 16.	"	" T. N. Stanford, Tr., for J. S. Aspinwall, Tr.,		8 00
June 9.		" Jubilee collection account,		142 69
"		Balance to credit Jubilee col. ac't.,		3 00
				$651 41

1851, June 18.	By balance old account, being amount received from Treas. Grace Ch., Sund. Offerings, 35 76.	
	By cash of Grace Church, Jews, 2 25; Nov. 29. '51, D. M. 1; Advent coll. for D. M. 39 39, Jan. 26, 1851, Jubilee coll. 50; Jan. 4, 1852, S. Off. 3,	131 40
	St. John's Church, Aug. 25, 1851, a member, 25; Jubilee coll. 191 59; Dec. 22. '51, Advent col. 123 63: Jan. 4, 1852, Christmas Offer'g S. S. 9 26; Colored S. S. 2 76; Ladies' Bible Society, 34; March 8. 1852, coll. for Shelter for Col. Children, 50 08,	346 32
	St. Paul's, Pawtucket, A.A. R. for Minnesota Mis- 5: July 5, 1851, Jubilee collection, 11 02,	16 02
	St. Paul's Wickford, Jan. 26, 1851, Advent coll. 15, for D. M. 5; July 5, 1851, Jubilee coll. 7 21,	27 21
	St. Stephen's, Jan. 7, 1852, Advent coll. 40. Jan, 26, 1851, Jubilee coll. 27 25,	67 25
	Zion Church, Newport, Jubilee collection,	12 00
	St. Michael's Bristol, Jubilee collection,	18 71
	Christ Church, Westerly, Jub. col. 12 50, D.M. 8,	20 50
	St. Andrew's, Providence, Jubilee collection,	4 00
	Christ Church, Lonsdale, Domestic Missions,	8 00
		$651 41

1852, Jan. 9. By balance of old account, being amount received from Treas. S. Offer'g, Grace Church, for Dom. Missions, $3 00

E. E,

E. W. HOWARD, *Treasurer.*

Dr. Funds for Foreign Missions, from Diocese of R. I., in account with E. W. Howard, Treas. Cr.

1851, June 18.	By cash received for Miss. to Jews credited in funds for Foreign Missions,		2 25
Aug. 25.	"	to J. S. Aspinwall, Tr., acknowledged in Sp. of Missions.	32 00
Oct. 31.	"	" "	30 00
Dec. 13.	"	" "	110 53
1852, Jan. 12.	"	" "	40 00
Feb. 10.	"	" "	199 02
" 12.	"	" "	7 00
Mch 16.	"	" "	77 76
April 15.	"	" "	84 02
			$582 58

1851, June 18.	By cash of Grace Church. Tr. Sunday offerings being balance old account $9 25, Oct. 3, 1851, a few ladies for building Female Boarding School, China, $78—Feb. 16, 1352, Tr. Sunday Offerings, $53 76,		141 01
	" St. Mark's, Warren, Oct. 3, 1851, $28 50 —China, $1 50		30 00
	" St. Michael's, Bristol, Nov. 29, 1851, col. by Rev. J. W. Cooke, $32 53,		32 53
	" St. Paul's, Pawtucket, Jan 7, 1852, education of Eliza Taft, Africa,		20 00
	" Christ Ch., Westerly, Jan. 7, 1852, education child, Africa, $20—Epiph. col. for China, $20,		40 00
	" St. Paul's, Wickford, Jan. 27, 1852, $28 for Mr. Rambo's School, $5,		33 00
	" St. John's, Providence, Aug., 1851, a member, $25,—Jan. 27, 1852, Epiphany col. (of which $50 for Mrs. Hill of the Greek Mission, from a member of Sd. ch.,) $161,—Christmas Offering from morning School for China, $9 26, do. from colored School for Africa, $2 76.—Regular contribution of morning school, for year to April 1. 1852, for China, 56 60; do. Infant school, for China, 3 75; do. colored school, for Africa, 23 67,		282 04
	" St. Luke's Ch., E. Greenwich, Mch 10, 1852, Young Ladies' School for China,		4 00
			$582 58

E. E.
June 9, 1852.

E. W. HOWARD. *Treasurer.*

Abstract of Parochial Reports, June, 1852.

CHURCHES.	PLACES.	RECTOR OR MINISTER.	Baptisms.			Communic'ts			Confirm'd	Marriag's	Burials.	S. S.		Missionary and other Charitable Contributions.
			Infants	Adults.	Total.	Added.	Died or remo'd.	Pres'nt Number				Teachers	Pupils.	
Grace,	Providence,	J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D.	32	11	43	27	17	330	15	23	33	28	200	$1,664 26
St. John's	"	N. B. Crocker, D. D.			27	14		260	9	12	17	41	270	
St. Stephen's,	"	H. Waterman,	12	6	18	19	11	133	10	9	13	14	100	580 00
St. Andrew's,	"	R. B. Fairbairn,						30	3				34	
St. Michael's,	Bristol,	J Trapnell, Jr.,		10	10	21		260	22	3	11	22	120	
St. Mark's,	Warren,	J. Kelly,	5		5	3		117	3		5	19	90	65 15
Trinity,	Newport	D. R. Brewer,	21	12	33	34	18	225	22	5	20	15	150	1,334 02
Zion,	"	B. Watson,	7	6	13	17	17	152	19	2	18	22	135	
Emanuel,	"	K. J. Stewart,	20	1	21			44	18		8	20	152	67 36
St. Paul's,	Portsmouth,							23						
St. Mary's	"	D. C. Millett,	2	3	5	6	2	16	4	5	6	7	55	
Holy Cross,	Middletown,	H. Williams,						9						
Christ.	Westerly,	T. H. Vail,	4		4	5	5	160	3	2	3	20	100	861 76
St. James's,	Woonsocket,	B. P. Talbot,	19	8	27	21	23	113	15	11	13	25	174	193 97
Christ,	Lonsdale,	G. W. Hathaway.	13	6	19	20	4	73	16	9	28	17	100	
St. Paul's,	North Providence,	G. Taft,	10	3	13	6	3	200	6	22	43	20	180	267 79
St. Peter's,	Johnston,							30						
St. Paul's,	Wickford,	D. Henshaw,		2	2	3	3	56	2	2	9	9	60	442 86
Emanuel,	Manville,		2	2	4	2	4	24	2		2	8	80	
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RULES OF ORDER,

AND A

STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS,

OF THE

Convention of the Church in the Diocese of Rhode Island.

I. RULES OF ORDER.

1. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the chair.

2. The members of the Convention shall sit in pews contiguous to one another—the delegates of each church occupying one pew.

3. No member shall absent himself from the Convention, unless he have leave or be unable to attend.

4. All special committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

5. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not again be drawn into debate during the session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

6. When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise, and with due respect address himself to the President, and confine himself strictly to the point in debate.

7. When two members chance to rise at the same time, the President shall determine to whom the preference shall be given ; and all questions of order the President shall decide—subject to an appeal to the Convention.

8. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

9. No motion shall be acted upon until seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

10. While the President is putting any question, the members

shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private conversation to the interruption of the Convention.

11. Every member, who is in the Convention when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the question, or excused by the President.

12. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to postpone, to amend, to divide, or to commit.

13. A motion for amendment or postponement shall be considered as the previous question, and be decided before the original motion.

14. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

15. The yeas and nays shall be called and entered on the minutes, when required by one-fifth of the members present.

16. At the request of the President, or on motion, the Convention may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole.

17. All elections, when required by two members, shall be by ballot.

18. All other questions shall be decided *viva voce*, or by hand vote, unless a ballot be called for by two members.

19. The sittings of the Convention shall be open to all persons who choose to attend, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

20. After the first day, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning, at the opening of the Convention, and, if necessary, corrected; and, before the rising of the Convention, the whole proceedings of the session shall be read.

21. When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

22. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended, without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

23. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be read at the opening of every Convention, and shall be of force, unless repealed by a vote of the Convention.

II. STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS.

After the organization of the Convention as provided for by the Constitution, the following order of business shall be observed for the first day of the session.

I. The business incident to the organization of the Convention, embracing the consideration of application of Churches or Parishes for admission into union with the Convention; reports from special committees appointed at a preceding session of the Convention, &c.

II. Reading of the Bishop's address.

III. Regular Annual Reports, in tho following order:

1. Report from the Treasurer of the Convention.
2. Report from the Standing Committee.
3. Report from the Board of Missions.
4. Report from the Board of Education.
5. Report from the Board of Sunday Schools.
6. Report from the Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes.
7. Report from the Depository Board.
8. Report from the Board for relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased clergymen.
9. Parochial Reports.

The following order of business shall be observed for the second day of the Convention.

I. Elections,—

1. Of deputies to the General Convention.
2. Of Treasurer.
3. Of Standing Committee.
4. Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.
5. Board of Education.
6. Board of Sunday Schools.
7. Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes.
8. Board for the relief of Widows and Orphans, &c.
9. Depository Board.

II. Miscellaneous.

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IN THE

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JUNE 11, 1852.

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DUTIES OF CHURCHMEN IN THESE TIMES.

A CHARGE

DELIVERED BEFORE THE CONVENTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE

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CHARGE, &c.

Beloved Brethren:—

In compliance with the requirement of the Canons of the General Convention, and in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution of this Diocese, I avail myself of this opportunity to deliver another Charge to the Clergy; and, as a theme which may present topics of interest to our brethren of the Laity also, I invite your attention to a consideration of THE DUTIES OF CHURCHMEN IN THESE TIMES.

Almost every preceding period of the church's history has been marked by some peculiarity, indicative of corresponding duties; and so is the present, in which our lot has been cast. The age of the Apostles, including that which immediately succeeded it, commonly called primitive, was one marked by simplicity, fervent devotion, and holy activity; when the disciples, under the fresh anointing of the Spirit, reflected the pure light of the newly risen sun of righteousness, and at the same time impressed upon the new religion those features of truth and holiness which made it the model for all future ages of the church, and the standard by which they must be tried. The primitive age was followed by one, in which a mystical philosophy corrupted the faith by its speculations and by mingling its Lethean streams with the pure waters of the sanctuary. This was succeeded by one in which prelatical pride and priestly ambition kept pace

with advancing corruption of doctrine, and superstitious debasement of the ritual and devotions of the Church, preparatory to that long night of ignorance and vice which rendered a reformation indispensably necessary to the preservation of the true faith from utter extinction, and to the restoration of anything like the simplicity and purity of primitive days. The light which broke forth at that glorious era was received from the long lost Bible; the lying legends of monkery were confronted by the restored teachings of Revelation; and the human mind, so long imprisoned and fettered, was redeemed and disenthralled. The Reformation was, to the Church, as "life from the dead." But that event, so auspicious in its results to humanity and to the world, like all great revolutions, was not unaccompanied with calamitous results.

As a consequence of the release of the human mind from thraldom, and the permission of free inquiry, corrupt vagaries were indulged—and seed was sown which, in the evil soil of fallen humanity yields that harvest of schisms and heresies, division and strife over which infidelity exults while true piety pours forth its lamentations. True faith, however, inspires us with confidence that He who brings light out of darkness, and order out of confusion, will overrule all these evils, so as eventually to promote the highest good of His church and the glory of His name.

In our own branch of the Church Catholic, one, who, like the speaker, has been familiar with her history for the greater part of half a century, has had occasion to notice the different phases she has presented and the evils which have befallen her. Those phases and evils bear some resemblance to those which have marked the more

protracted existence of the church universal. She had to pass through a long period of infancy, on a foreign shore, amidst over-shadowing hostile influences, denied some things which were essential to her integrity and vigor, and allowed to keep up a bare existence upon very stinted provision. Her anomalous position at the close of the civil Revolution, deprived of accustomed supplies, abandoned by many of her clergy, with churches vacated and altars deserted—having few to estimate her spiritual privileges and benefits, and exposed to the scorn and vituperation of the multitude—as affiliated with the oppressive power whose yoke had been cast off, it is a marvel that she did not perish in the struggle. Had her origin been earthly, and her gifts and powers no more than human, she would have perished. But the indestructible seed was in her, and she survived the fiery ordeal. She still lives: and we trust in God, will continue to live, as a perpetual witness for God's truth, as a home of the friendless, and a refuge for the wanderers; as a divine messenger to announce the unchanging doctrines of the Gospel, to dispense hope to the penitent, consolation to mourners, and to point out to the successive generations who are to people this continent the path to Heaven, by proclaiming Him who is "the way, the truth, and the life." Our Church has had her seasons of calm and of storm, of coldness and warmth, of formalism and revival. She was once agitated by party strife and controversy, and afterwards blessed with a season of repose, tranquility and unity, such as was seldom seen on earth; when, as by a new Baptism of the Holy Spirit, all parties were fused into one;—when all hearts seemed actuated by one common purpose of zeal and energy in the cause of missions.

It is not to be denied that a change, a mournful change has come o'er the scene, dimming if not eclipsing the lovely spectacle to which we have just adverted. Errors of excess and of short-coming have sprung up. While some would push us beyond the boundaries established by the Reformers into the waste and howling wilderness of speculation, under the pretence of our finding a clearer light and breathing a freer air :—others would send us back again beyond those barriers into the regions of darkness and bondage. Apostasies have taken place on the right hand and on the left ; and there is a sad propensity in many minds to run into extremes. Distrust and division exist to a lamentable extent among different classes and schools of Churchmen. Christian love and even gentlemanly amenities seem to be forgotten in the fierceness of party strife. Such is the blindness and stupidity of party zeal that, in the clamour of controversy, the strutting Hebdomadal heroes who lead the battle on either side, seem never to reflect that, this conflict, for life or death, is between classes who are partakers of one Baptism, confessors of the same faith, participants of one altar, who unite in the use of the same forms of daily prayers. We may therefore hope and believe that as the depths of the ocean remain calm and undisturbed when its surface is lashed into foam and fury, so the great body of the church remains undisturbed, notwithstanding the froth and commotion which the agitating small-fry produce by their superficial struggles.

Instead of trembling with apprehension in looking for those things which are coming upon the earth, and fearing that the church will be shaken to its foundations and perhaps utterly overwhelmed, we should rather look

up with faith and hope " to the hills whence cometh our help." Knowing that the hour of deepest darkness ushers in the dawn ; that the calm is preceded by the tempest : that the rainbow follows in the wake of the gust ; we should confidently rely upon the Power which " rides upon the whirlwind and directs the storm ;" we should deliberately ask " what are the peculiar *dangers* of these times—and what are the *duties* which they imperatively enforce upon us ?"

1. The peculiar DANGERS of these times.

Ever since the fall of man in Eden, a controversy has been going on between truth and error, light and darkness, holiness and corruption. The war between the Seed of the woman and the seed of the Serpent has been incessant. From the beginning, revealed religion and infidelity have been struggling for the ascendancy.

On every field of fair argument the battle has been fought and the victory won. The assailants of our holy religion, from Julian and Celsus, to David Hume and Voltaire, whether they employed the philosophical or the historical argument ;—whether they depended upon the power of logic or of wit ; whether they relied upon metaphysics, or poetry, upon grave syllogisms, or upon sarcasm and raillery, were alike overthrown by the veteran defenders of the Christian citadel. Their lances were shivered, their darts fell pointless or broken from its impregnable walls. The assailants were covered with defeat ;—and ever since the days of the Academicians, Christanity has been free from those direct and positive assaults—which admit of positive answers and open repulsion. The enemy has been driven to the adoption of a new policy and a thorough change of tactics. The use of the open battery has been forsaken,

and the insidious arts of sapping and mining resorted to. Satan transforms himself into the semblance of an angel of light. Under the garb of philanthropy he goes forth upon his destructive mission; with deceptive theories of philosophy and human fellowship, he wins his way to the confidence of the well wishers of their species, until they are cajoled into a substitution of the theories of socialism, for the doctrines of Christianity, and of vain schemes for ameliorating the temporal and moral condition of humanity, for the ordinances and institutions of that Divine economy which conveys to men the blessings of grace and conducts them in the pathway to glory.

The subtle, insidious poison of skepticism diffuses itself not only in the large tomes which treat of Geology, Natural History and Astronomy, which affect to sketch "the vestiges of creation" with a view of showing that there is no Creator—but it is also sprinkled through those pages of romance and strains of poesy which charm the taste of our children and youth—till, like mesmerized birds, they fall into the throat of the serpent deceiver. Many of those who do not thus miserably perish, continue to flutter about the vortex, blinded and maddened by the mephitic vapours of Pantheism or Transcendentalism.

In close affiliation with the spurious schemes of philosophy and socialism which aim to prove Christianity useless, and thus to undermine and destroy the citadel of our Holy Religion, we may name those endless forms of *heresy* and *schism* by which the Christian profession is disgraced and made an easy prey to the power of the enemy.

In addition to the direct and positive influences just mentioned, so palpably hostile to the cause of Truth and Godliness, we may advert to other dangers arising out of the spirit of this utilitarian age—connected with the secular history of the world—which are adverse to the interests of piety in the church. It is emphatically an age of enterprise and activity. The inventions of genius, science and skill, have vastly increased the means of accumulation ; and the bosom of the earth itself pours forth gold in uncounted treasures. The ample reward of talent in secular pursuits, presents an irresistable allurement to those just entering into life, and tempts too many even of our pious young men to shrink back from the self-denial, mortifications and poverty of the clerical profession, and to follow those honourable and gainful avocations which almost certainly lead to comfort, affluence and luxury. The rich gains connected with worldly pursuits, produce in the minds of the laity a greedy desire of becoming hastily rich, which interferes with that fervent devotion, and self-denying godliness required by the Christian profession ; and, in not a few, begets that avarice which is a gangrene of the soul—that "covetousness which is idolatry," and that "love of money which is the root of all evil."

We have thus adverted to the leading dangers and evil influences to which the church is exposed in these times and in this country. They are Infidelity—false doctrine, and division ; old, but corrupt superstitions; and worldliness. Let us then consider in this order,

II. The Duties *of the Ministers and members of the church resulting from those dangers.*

1. Has Providence cast our lot in times when a shallow Philosophy and "science falsely so called," asserts

its claims to the confidence of mankind, when the deadly poison of infidelity is artfully infused into many popular works of science and much of the ephemeral literature of the day? The evil is to be counteracted, not by ignoring the sciences, even those which are most liable to abuse; nor by putting literature under the ban of proscription; but by those deeper draughts from the well of science which yield purer waters than those which are found upon its surface, and by the cultivation of a taste for that classical literature in which the gifts of genius are sanctified by the spirit of faith, and its brightest gems are offered as adornments for the altars of religion.

Does a mawkish philanthropy devise its panaceas for the moral evils of society—and by the various devices and schemes of socialism profess to elevate the physical, intellectual and spiritual condition of humanity? Let us the more zealously advocate and more vigorously prosecute that revealed system of benevolence, which, originating in divine wisdom, is admirably adapted to all the varieties and vicissitudes of man's earthly lot; and by presenting God's love to us as both the motive and example of our love to our fellow men, has proved itself, by long experience, an infallible remedy for human woe, a sure promoter of social bliss.

Are there those in our day, who, in the spirit of knavery or folly, or a combination of both, set up mesmeric influence as a substitute for divine inspiration, and affect to hold direct communication with departed spirits in the most ludicrous manner—thus undermining the faith of the vulgar and lessening their reverence for spiritual truths and realities;—and are there men, calling themselves Christian, who doubt the plenary inspiration of the Bible, and subject this sacred volume,

as they do other books, to the test and scrutiny of human judgment;—how are these infidel vagaries and tendencies of the age to be repelled? How, but by fighting over again our battles with Infidelity—by a careful, and thorough investigation of the evidences of Christianity; by making our people acquainted with the immoveable foundations of our faith; by proving the plenary and exclusive inspiration of Holy Scripture, and by vindicating its claims to supremacy as the word of the living God—the only sure guide to heaven—the only infallible source of authority in matters of belief and practice.

2. In addition to Infidel tendencies and influences by which the Church is endangered from the ungodly world without and around her, there are also dangers to which she is exposed from the distractions and corruptions that exist in the ranks of professed Christianity.

Does the spirit of commotion, misrule and radicalism, which, in this revolutionary age, has been rampant in the civil institutions and political governments of the world, also display its baleful influence in the departments of morals and religion? Is there a spirit of fault-finding with old principles and fixed institutions, and venerable usages;—an impatience of authority, and an eager thirst for novelties and for untried experiments even in the domain of theoretical and practical Theology? Do many in our day look upon the system of revealed religion precisely as they do upon a scheme of earth-born ethical philosophy, capable of being modified, improved or changed by the will or the wit of man? Is our lot cast in a country and an age where and when the principle of individualism has reached its fullest development—so that every man "has a doctrine, an interpretation, a song"—and, as a consequence of the ut-

most latitude of free inquiry and private judgment, is the land filled with legion sects, conflicting creeds, and rival factions: all quarrelling with each other about their respective peculiarities, and yet each claiming to have 'the one Lord, the one faith, the one baptism'—and all demanding of us approval and fellowship as pure and sound branches of the Church of Jesus Christ!

What is the duty of the Ministers and members of our Church, as witnesses for truth and godliness, in the midst of surrounding heresies and schisms? This is a delicate and difficult question, which should be answered only in the spirit of meekness and wisdom. Yet it is a question which will daily force itself upon our attention, and in reference to which we should adopt some fixed principle by which our practical course must be governed. There are indeed shades of error, and gradations in departures from the truth. We are not to place all sects in the same category, nor to treat all the forms of untruthfulness as equally malignant and dangerous. We should carefully discriminate between errors in fundamental doctrine and mere errors of discipline; between deviations from apostolic institutions and wide departures from "the faith once delivered to the saints." Nor must we, under the pretence of contending earnestly for the faith, violate the paramount laws of charity. We should give our neighbours credit for all the truth they hold, respect them for all the virtues they possess, and sincerely "wish grace, mercy and peace, to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity." We should make a distinction, in our regards and feelings, between a Christian man and the defective views of religion which he may have embraced through the influence of erroneous education, or from want of examination. But at

the same time our charity "should rejoice in the truth;" it should not be so ample in the dimensions of its "cloak," as to cover false doctrines which are deadly to the soul,—nor possess the fatal power of neutralizing the opposites of truth and error, or of bringing heresy and orthodoxy into affinity with each other. The much lauded policy of bringing the Church into close alliance and accommodation to the sects proves as fatal to her sound growth and prosperity, as the making sincerity the test of truth is false in principle.

If we believe the Church to be "the witness and keeper of Holy Writ"—"the pillar and ground of the truth," we cannot be sincere and conscientious in our attachment to her, without looking upon all deviations from her system, as aberrations from the right line, meriting reproof and condemnation. In the midst of the latitudinarianism and indifference of this levelling age, it becomes us, as Ministers and members of a church which upholds revealed religion in its integrity and supremacy, asserting its claims to paramount authority over the faith and morals of mankind;—to vindicate with candour and firmness the divine constitution and Ministry of the Christian Church, the importance and efficacy of the sacraments as channels and means of grace; the uses of a sound and Scriptural Liturgy as an aid to devotion and a perpetual witness and exhibitor of evangelical truth; the edifying nature of that annual round of Festivals and Fasts in which the events in the mystery of Godliness are commemorated in their appropriate order and season, and the cardinal doctrines of redemption and grace are most systematically and effectively inculcated upon the minds of men. Yea, we must not shrink from the use and defence of ceremonies and

symbols, innocent in their character and venerable for their antiquity, however much they may be abused by some or despised by others. Extremes of error are to be corrected, not by their opposites, but by a moderate exhibition of the truth.

Whatever may be the shades of difference among the sects and denominations by which we are surrounded, they all agree in opposing the views and usages of the Church in reference to the things just now enumerated. Those things are right, or our Church is wrong ; for they are recognized and maintained in that standard of her faith and practice,—the Book of Common Prayer. To these peculiar features of our system we must charitably but firmly adhere, or relinquish our claim to the character of Churchmen.

The battles of the Church with Sectarianism have often been fought and gained ; and in our days, it appears as if eventually schism would work out its own cure by the perpetual conflicts and infinitesimal divisions which are its most striking and visible fruits. But it is not yet safe, circumstanced as we are, to lay aside our armour or intermit our watchfulness in that direction. Hooker and Hall, Wheatley and Bull, Bowden and Hobart, and other writers of distinguished ability in the Mother Church and our own, have laid up in their well furnished armouries, weapons and implements of tried temper, which may still be used with effect, when occasion requires, whether our Ministry, Polity or Ritual be attacked. But we have been called, in our day, to renew the conflict for that system which is at once Catholic and Reformed, by the insolent boasting and fierce assaults of a more ancient, but a more subtle and malignant foe—in opposition to whose deadly errors

and fearful superstitions, we glory in the name of PROTESTANT.

Does old Rome, awakened from the slumber of ages, present herself "as a giant refreshed with wine"—arrogantly asserting her claim to dominion over our faith and obedience? Do we see her, with artful guile, at one time, cringing at the feet of absolute power, and then, allying herself with democracy and anarchy—only the more successfully to crush the liberties of the world; —through all revolutions and excitements, keeping a single eye to her own aggrandisement and to the forwarding of her iron despotism? Does she spread her snares and ply her arts to entrap the unwary? And do even many of the wise and virtuous tremble lest her attempts at universal empire should be crowned with success? Let our Church stand firm and unmoved, as she did in those "olden times" when she acquired for herself that noble appellation—THE BULWARK OF THE REFORMATION. Prejudice and ignorance may affect to consider our communion as affiliated with Rome, and sympathising with certain of her errors. But we know, and Rome knows, that there is no insurmountable bar to her victory over Protestantism, but that which is raised by a communion having a claim truer than her own to all which is Apostolic in Institution, Primitive in Discipline, and Catholic in Faith. On this ground alone can the battle with Popery be successfully maintained. Let us not fail to meet her on this true ground, and treat her as the most ancient and deadly foe of Apostolic Episcopacy and originally revealed truth. On this ground, she has been defeated at the Reformation, and in later days by Theological giants in the Anglican communion; and while we steadfastly adhere to it, the

citadel of our faith will remain invincible and triumphant. The Truth which was from the beginning, will be an overmatch for her modern inventions and corrupt developments. Our chastened Ritual will bear perpetual protest against the mumbling formalism, the meretricious superstition, and the dead language of the Missal or Mass Book. The sublime, intelligible, rational forms of devotion embodied in our Book of Common Prayer for the joint use of Minister and People, will not suffer by contrast with the idle fripperies and sacerdotal shows which are exhibited for the admiration, rather than for the edification, of the people. Our Baptism with pure water, accompanied by the sign of the cross, will not suffer by contrast with the salt, and spittle and exorcisms with which Rome has degraded the sacrament of our engrafting into Christ. Our holy Rite "of laying on of hands," will condemn that spurious Confirmation, which consists in the application of chrism to the forehead and a slight tap upon the cheek of its unenlightened and almost infantile recipients. Our Eucharistic offering and holy communion in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, exposes the deception practised by Rome in withholding half the sacrament from the Laity, and blasphemously pretending to offer in the mass a propitiatory sacrifice for the living and the dead; while church views of the real participation of the faithful in the spiritual aliment of the body and blood of Jesus affords a strong protest against the idle fiction of Transubstantiation. The pure doctrines of our Articles, Homilies and Liturgy, contain the testimony of the Church from the beginning against the corrupt dogmas of Rome; and more especially our steady maintenance of the fundamental doctrine of justification by grace

through faith in the meritorious sacrifice of the cross, presents an impregnable barrier to her system of self-righteousness and fancied works of supererogation.

I charge you, beloved brethren, adhere steadfastly to old truths and primitive Institutions, exhibited in the Bible and embodied in the Book of Common Prayer, as the best preservative under God, from the false systems of Superstition, on the one hand, and of Radicalism on the other.

4. In the early part of this charge, noticing the dangers of the Church in these times, I referred to the spirit of worldliness within our communion, and the pressure of worldly influences from without as endangering her purity, and hindering her prosperity, if not absolutely jeopardizing even her continuance, as a light and blessing to our beloved country.

In view of those dangers, what is our duty? What is to be done? To rely upon the old measures which were necessary to establish the existence of our Church in its integrity and give it a firm footing on this continent, will by no means meet the demand it now makes upon its ministers and members. To be exclusively employed in defining the position of our Church and vindicating her claims will not answer the calls she makes upon the affections and services of her children in this bustling age of active enterprise and energy. The world looks for results and fruits; and from these, chiefly, forms its judgment of any scheme which professes to reform the morals and elevate the character of mankind. As the individual Christian proves the sincerity of his profession by good works; so the Church at large, or in the aggregate, must, in the same way, vindicate its claim to be the divinely appointed illuminator

and reformer of the world. We venerate the Apostolic constitution of our Church; we love her worship, we receive, without question, her dogmatical teaching; what we now most need, is to enter thoroughly into her practical system and carry it into full effect.

I have so long trespassed upon your patience that I can barely hint at the duties suggested under this last head, and will leave them as topics for your more mature deliberation and prayers.

We must look upon our baptised children, as engrafted into the Church, called to spiritual life and privileges, that they may glorify God in their bodies and spirits which are His.

We must rely upon Christian education and nurture, rather than upon sudden illapses of the spirit and times of excitement, for their sincere conversion to God. Parents and Sponsors must be more faithful, conscientious, and prayerful in discharging the solemn responsibilities they assumed for those whom they represented at the Font. The clergy, while they fail not to preach boldly the truth as it is in Jesus, and use their zealous efforts for the conversion of Adults, must devote their energies especially, by catechising, Bible Class and Sunday School instruction, to the careful preparation of youth, for assuming their Christian obligations and entering upon the full privileges of Christian Communion. And while they are watchful that none be presented to the Bishop who are not fit subjects for Confirmation, they should take heed that none be kept back from its privileges for the lack of pastoral solicitude, instruction and care. The work of Christian Education, founded upon the reciprocal vows and promises of the Baptismal Covenant, should command a larger share of our regard.

By the establishment of Parochial and Diocesan Schools; by the founding of Orphan Asylums, Colleges and Hospitals under the guidance and patronage of the Church, and by enlarging our efforts and gifts in the cause of Missions at home and abroad,—we should demonstrate that the Church is fulfilling the high mission assigned her by her Lord, as the Teacher of the ignorant, the guide of the wanderer, the succourer of the needy, the comforter of the afflicted, the medium of grace to the sinful, and the publisher of salvation to a perishing world. We hail as a step in the right direction the resolution of the House of Bishops in 1850, to devise wise and practicable plans for bringing into more active and systematic employment, the devotion, and benevolence, and self-denial of our pious Laity of both sexes. When all orders and estates of men in our Church shall enter into the true spirit of this movement; when all shall realize that love and not controversy is their proper element, that works of charity and piety, not of contention and strife, are their fitting employment; that to alleviate the miseries and advance the salvation of a perishing world is the great end of the Christian Religion, and act accordingly; when the only strife among us will be who shall be most holy and do the most good, then God, even our own God shall give us His blessing: then Zion will arise and shine in the beauty of holiness, and become the joy and praise of the whole Earth.

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IN RHODE ISLAND,

HELD IN ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE,

TUESDAY, 28TH, AND WEDNESDAY 29TH, SEPTEMBER, 1852.

PROVIDENCE:
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☞At a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Rhode Island, convened at the house of the President, on Monday, August 30th, 1852, at 10 1-2 o'clock, A. M., a Special Meeting of the Convention of the said Diocese was called as follows:

"By the authority with which the 2nd article in the Constitution of the Diocese of Rhode Island invests the Standing Committee, we hereby appoint a Special Convention to be holden on the 28th day of September next, at St. Stephen's Church, in the city of Providence, at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the following purposes:

To take such action in refference to the assessments, or amounts received or receivable by the Treaserer from the assessments for the salary of the Bishop, as may be deemed expedient, and to make such other appropriations as may be necessary or advisable.

To confer upon, and arrange, if practicable, measures for the support of Diocesan.

To take into consideration the subject of electing a Bishop, and to proceed to such an election, if it be found desirable:

To transact any other business that may be necessay in carrying out the objects above mentioned, for which the Special Convention is called.

Signed, in Behalf of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Rhode Island, this 30th day of August, A. D. 1852.

NATHAN B. CROCKER, *President.*

THOMAS BURGESS, *Secretary.*

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing call of a Special Convention be published in the daily papers of this State, and that a similar copy, attested in writing by the Secretary, be forwarded immediately to each of the Clergy, and to the Wardens and Vestry of each of the Parishes, of the Diocese.

A true copy from the Records of the Committee.

Attest: THOMAS BURGESS, *Secretary.*

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

St. Stephen's Church, Providence,
September 28th, 1852.

Pursuant to the call of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, a number of the Clergy and Laity assembled this day in St. Stephen's Church, Providence, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Messrs. Crane & Brewer. The Rev. G. W. Hathaway officiated in the Ante Communion Service. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Crocker. The Holy Communion was administered by the Rev. Dr. Crocker, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Hathaway and Crane.

At the close of Divine Service the Convention was called to order by the Secretary.

On motion, the Rev. Dr. Crocker was chosen Chairman, *pro tem.*

On motion, it was resolved, that a Committee on the rights of Clerical and Lay members to seats in the Convention, be appointed: whereupon the Chair appointed

The Rev. Henry Waterman, Rev. B. P. Talbot, the Rev. Jos. Trapnell, Jr. and Messrs. W. T. Grinnell, R. H. Ives, and Benj. Hall.

The Lay Delegates then presented their certificates of election.

Resolved, That a Committee of three Clergymen and one Layman be appointed to draught Resolutions expressive of the sense of this Convention on the decease of their late and excellent Bishop.

The Chairman appointed as that Committee, the Rev. Messrs. Crane, Vail, and Penny, and Mr. J. H. Gilliat.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M.

St. Stephen's Church, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

The Committee on Credentials made the following Report:

The Committee on Credentials report, that they consider the following Clergymen as entitled to a seat and a vote in this Convention:

*Rev. *George Anthony*,	Rev. Samuel Penny, Jr.
" *John Bristed*,	" K. J. Stewart,
" Lemuel Burge,	" *E. W. Stokes*,
" D. R. Brewer,	" George Taft,
" J. H. Carpenter,	" B. P. Talbot,
" G. W. Chevers,	" Thos. H. Vail,
" S. A. Crane,	" F. J. Warner,
" N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	" H. Waterman,
" J. H. Eames,	" Benj. Watson,
" G. W. Hathaway,	" *E. F. Watson*,
" D. Henshaw,	" Hobart Williams.
" D. C. Millett.	

Also, the following as entitled to a seat, but not a vote:

Rev. E. P. Gray,	Rev. J. Kelly,
" R. B. Fairbairn,	" W. H. Mills,
" E. L. Drown,	" J. Trapnell, Jr.

Agreed as to a seat, but not a vote:

Rev. James W. Cooke.

Lay Delegates to the Special Convention held at St. Stephen's Church, Providence, Sept. 28, 1852.

PLACES.	CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.
Providence,	Grace.	Richmond Brownell, E. Walcott, W. T. Grinnell, S. A. Arnold,
"	St. John's.	Austin Gurney, C. H. Dabney, E. W. Howard, Robert H. Ives,

*Those whose names are in *Italics* were not present in Convention.

PLACES.	CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.
Providence,	St. Stephen's.	Resolved Waterman, G. Gurnett, Wm. Burrough, Wm. Field,
"	St. Andrew's.	Jos. E. Cranston, J. Hutchinson, H. A. Manchester, H. C. Preston,
Warren,	St. Mark's.	Haile Collins, G. G. Hazard, John T. Child, James Gardner,
Bristol,	St. Michael's.	Geo. Pearce, Benj. Hall, J. D'Wolf Perry, T. J. Usher,
Portsmouth,	St. Paul's.	John Burrington, Benj. Greene, J. Thomas, G. W. A. Howard,
Newport,	Trinity.	J. H. Gilliat, John Sterne, J. H. Cozzens, Wm. C. Gibbs,
"	Zion.	Augustus Bush, W. C. Cozzens, C. H. Mumford, A. N. Littlefield,
"	Emanuel.	*P. Armstrong*, T. H. Oman, *Edward Smith.*
Westerly,	Christ.	Lyndon Taylor, *O. D. Wells*, Edwin Babcock, Nelson Brown,
Woonsocket,	St. James's.	Geo. S. Wardwell, W. Booth, Jr. *Arnold Briggs*, S. N. Mason,
Lonsdale,	Christ.	Baylies Bourne, W. B. Whiting, Geo. A. Kent, James Geldard,
N. Providence,	St. Paul's.	Alanson Thayer, S. J. Ladd, David Lefavour, S. R. Pierce,
Wickford,	St. Paul's.	Gideon Freeborn, A. M. Thomas, Wm. A. Shaw, S. H. Vaughn,
Johnson,	St. Peter's.	Marvin Smith, Pardon F. Brown, E. A. Nichols, Elisha O. Angell
E. Greenwich,	St. Luke's.	David Pinniger, R. Holden, 2d. Charles W. Greene, Jos. Winsor,
Greenville,	St. Thomas'.	Thomas Barnes, N. B. Sprague, Emery Fiske, Wm. L. Killy.
Manville,	Emanuel,	Daniel Hale, *W. H. Bebee*, *B. C. Hill*, Isaiah J. Weaver.
Wakefield,	Ascension,	Wm. C. Watson, Elisha Watson, Albert Robinson, A. Robinson.
Crompton,	St. Philip's.	S. G. Bowen, John Campbell, *Joseph Liddle*, James Slater.

Parishes not represented—St. Paul's, Tower Hill; St. Matthew's, Jamestown.

A verbal minority Report was also presented, objecting to the right to vote of certain clergymen returned by the majority of the Committee as so entitled.

Whereupon, after some discussion, it was resolved, that those

whose rights are undisputed, be recognized as members of the Convention.

The roll of such Clergymen and that of the Lay Delegates were then called, when the members present answered to their names.

The Rev. Dr. Crocker was then unanimously elected President of the Convention.

After some further discussion on the minority Report, it was determined that the whole list of Clergy should stand as reported by the Committee.

It was then moved, that the Rev. Mr. Cooke, concerning whose right to a vote the Committee reported as not agreed, be considered as entitled to that privilege.

Pending the discussion of this motion, the Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Wednesday, Sept. 29th,
Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

The Convention met according to adjournment. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Messrs. Trapnell and Millett, and the Ante Communion Service by the Rev. Mr. Waterman.

The Convention being called to order, the Rolls were called and the Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read.

On motion, Clergymen of this Diocese not entitled to seats in this body, and those from other Dioceses who might be present, and Candidates for Orders, were invited to honorary seats in the Convention: Of such men were present, the Rev. H. W. Lee, of Western New York, the Rev. Alex. Burgess, of Maine, the Rev. Benj. Franklin, of Penn., the Rev. G. F. Cushman, and the Rev. John P. Hubbard, of Mass.

The Resolution affirming the right of the Rev. Mr. Cooke to a vote, being called up, it was, at the suggestion of that gentleman, withdrawn; who thus remained entitled to a seat, but not a vote, in this body.

The Call of the Standing Committee for the Special Convention was then read by the Secretary.

The Rules of Order were also read.

On motion, the matter contained in the first section of the Call, was referred to the Committee on Resolutions respecting the deceased Bishop.

On motion, the matter contained in the second section, was referred to the Committee on an Episcopal Fund, appointed at the last annual Convention.

The Committee appointed to draught appropriate Resolutions, touching the death of Bishop Henshaw, reported the following, which were received and adopted by the Convention, standing:

The Committee appointed to prepare Resolutions expressive of the views and feelings of this Convention, in reference to the death of our late Diocesan, report, that they have attended to the duty assigned to them, and present for adoption by this body the following:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in his wise Providence to take out of this world the soul of our deceased Bishop, the Rt. Rev. John Prentiss Kewley Henshaw, D. D., therefore

Resolved, that in the death of our late lamented Diocesan, we recognise, with deep and sincere grief for our bereavement, the hand of our chastening God; and in view of the affliction under which the Church is suffering, in this removal of one of its brightest ornaments, we are made to realize our dependence upon the Divine Sovereignty, and are led to look for consolation only to Him who has the power to heal by His grace the hearts which He has smitten by his providence.

Resolved, that whilst indulging in a permitted sorrow for this afflictive dispensation, we would gratefully remember the many mercies which for the last nine years it has been our privilege in this diocese to enjoy, through the gift which the great Head of the Church has now reclaimed;—that we look back, with thankful emotions, to the exalted virtues which illumined the character and adorned the life of our late revered Diocesan, and by which he was so remarkably qualified for the discharge of the Episcopate;—that we give laud and praise to God for the shining qualities, which so eminently adapted him to the wants of this Branch of the Vine of Christ, the meekness of wisdom which distinguished him in counsel, the maturity of judgment which directed him in his decisions, the the firmness of purpose which characterised him in his efforts, and the active and vigorous zeal which made him "abundant in labors" in the administration of the Diocese committed to his charge.

Resolved, that in the present prosperous condition of our beloved Zion, we behold a monument of that practical efficiency, which formed so memorable a feature in the character of our departed Bishop, and the fruit of those unwearied exertions in which he was willing to "spend and be spent" in his Master's service.

Resolved, that we not only mourn for him in his official character and relations, as he was the chief Pastor of the Church in this Diocese, and in view of the conspicuous results of his wisdom, and active industry, and faithfulness, but that we feel that we have both as Clergy and Laity, and as individual members of these orders in the Church, sustained a great loss, which is to each of us a *personal* loss, as of a beloved friend and reverenced father; and that, thus remembering him in these most endearing relations, the uniform dignity of his deportment, the habitual urbanity of his manners, the never-failing cheerfulness of his conversation, the sincerity of his advice, the earnestness of his exhortations, the depth and warmth of his sympathy, the kindness and sweetness of his affections, will be always cherished by us, as a pattern of life commanding our constant admiration and worthy of our sedulous imitation.

Resolved, that we are grateful for the expressions of condolence which have been tendered to us from other portions of our country ; and that we, not only as members of this Diocese, but as members of the Church in the United States, lament the departure of one who was prominent in our General Councils, whose name is identified with our General Institutions, who, from the pulpit, and in the assemblies of deliberation and debate, and through the press, has secured an enviable reputation in our ecclesiastical history, while he has accomplished much for the advancement of the kingdom of our Lord.

Resolved, that our grief is mingled with that of the Parish which by the death of our Bishop has been deprived of a Pastor; that, in the midst of our regrets, it is a delightful relief to be reminded of the signal ability and success which marked the entire ministerial career of him who is gone ; and that the present strong position and auspicious prospects of that Parish are tokens, to be acknowledged with gratitude, of the Divine blessing upon the efficiency and fidelity illustrated in his Pastoral, no less than in his Episcopal offices.

Resolved, that our heartfelt sympathies are with those, whose home, hitherto so blest, has been made desolate by this visitation; and while we cannot intrude upon the sacred privacy of their deep sorrow, we commend them to the consolations of our merciful God and Heavenly Father, and in their behalf unite in the needful prayer : " Remember them, O Lord, in mercy ; sanctify thy fatherly correction to them ; endue their souls with patience under their affliction, and with resignation to thy blessed will ; comfort them with a sense of thy goodness ; lift up thy countenance upon them, and give them peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Resolved, that copies of these Resolutions be sent to the widow and bereaved family of the deceased, and to the Conventions of the Diocese of Maryland, and of the Diocese of Maine, and be published in the Christian Witness.

S. A. CRANE,
THOMAS H. VAIL,
SAMUEL PENNY, Jr.,
J. H. GILLIAT.

On motion, it was ordered, that the Resolutions adopted by the Standing Committee on the same subject, and those adopted by the Clergy present at the funeral of the Bishop, be printed as an appendix to the Journal of the Convention.

On motion, resolved, that it be adopted as a rule of this Convention, that blank votes be not counted in any election.

On motion, it was resolved, that the List of Clergy be so amended, that the name of the Rev. E. W. Stokes be recorded as entitled to a seat, but not a vote, in this body.

Resolved, that the Convention now proceed to the election of a Bishop.

After an interval of silent prayer for invoking the Divine guidance and blessing, the Clerical members, according to the provision of the Constitution, separated from the Lay delegates, and, on their return, reported that they had nominated the Rev. Francis L. Hawks, D. D., L. L. D.—which nomination the Laity, after retiring for consultation, CONFIRMED.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M.

Three o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

The members of the Convention then proceeded to sign the Testimonial of the Bishop elect.

On motion, it was voted, that a general leave of absence be granted to all who may desire to withdraw, after the signing of the Testimonial.

The decease of the Rt. Rev. Philander Chase, Presiding Bishop of the Church, having been announced, it was resolved, that a Committee be appointed to prepare Resolutions, expressive of the sense of this Convention in reference to the event. The following gentlemen were appointed as that Committee:

The Rev. Messrs. T. H. Vail, S. A. Crane, and H. Waterman.

The Committee on Resolutions, to whom was referred the first of the objects stated by the Standing Committee in their Call of a Special Convention, report that they have considered

the matter referred to them, and propose the following Resolution for adoption by this Body :

Resolved, that the regular assessments for the salary of the Bishop be continued, and that the amount of the same, minus the expenses which may be necessarily incurred by the Standing Committee for Provisional Episcopal services during the vacancy of the Episcopate in the Diocese, be paid to the widow of our late Bishop, until the next annual Convention.

The Report was received, and the Resolution recommended adopted.

The Committee appointed to prepare appropriate Resolutions relative to the decease of Bishop Chase, reported the following which were adopted :

Resolved, that this Convention has heard, with emotions of sincere sorrow, the tidings of the decease of the Rt. Rev. Philander Chase, D. D., Bishop of Illinois, and Presiding Bishop of our Church ; and that although the intelligence reaches us at the latest hour of our session, we cannot withhold the earnest, though brief, expression of the unfeigned esteem and reverence with which his honored name has been held by the members of this Convention ; and that we cheerfully and with thankfulness to God, acknowledge the important results, which have followed his labors, both Ministerial and Episcopal during his lengthened life.

Resolved, that in the death of this aged servant of God, we mourn the departure of one of the last links which have bound the present generation to the venerated fathers of our American Church,—that we bear willing testimony to the ardor of his missionary zeal—to his persevering labors in the great cause of Christian Education—and to his indefatigable devotion to the prosperity of the Church of Christ.

Resolved, that we tender our hearty sympathies to the widow and bereaved family of the deceased, and to the Diocese from which, by this sudden dispensation, he is now separated.

Resolved, that copies of these Resolutions be transmitted to the widow of the departed Bishop, to his successor in the Episcopate, and to the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Illinois.

THOMAS H. VAIL,
S. A. CRANE,
HENRY WATERMAN. } Committee.

The Rev. Dr. Crocker and Edward Walcott, Esq. were appointed a Committee to wait on the Rev. Dr. Hawks, to inform him of his election, and to solicit his acceptance of the Episcopate.

Voted, that the sum of $5,00 be paid to the Sexton of St. Stephen's Church, for his services in attendance upon the Convention.

Voted, that five hundred copies of the Journal of this Convention be printed, and distributed under the direction of the Officers of the Convention.

After the reading of the Minutes of the Session, and the usual devotional exercises, the Convention adjourned.

NATHAN B. CROCKER, President.

Benjamin Watson, Secretary.

APPENDIX A.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE CLERGY.

At a meeting of the Clergy of the diocese of Rhode Island, assembled at the house of G. C. Nightingale, Esq., on Monday afternoon, the 26th inst., immediately after the funeral solemnities of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Henshaw, D. D., the Rev. Mr. Taft being called to the chair, and the Rev. Mr. Hathaway being appointed Scribe, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.—

Resolved, That in testimony of our filial regard to the memory of our late beloved Diocesan, it be recommended that the clergy of this diocese wear upon the left arm, the usual badge of mourning, and a rosette of black crape upon the left shoulder of the surplice during divine service for a period of thirty days.

Resolved, That the vestries in the several parishes in the State be requested to have the chancels of their several churches dressed in mourning for the above period of time.

Resolved, That the thanks of the clergy of Rhode Island be rendered to the Rt. Rev. Bishops Doane, Southgate, and Williams, for their kind fraternal services in officiating at the funeral solemnities of their late brother in the Episcopate, our beloved Bishop.

Resolved, That the thanks of the clergy of this diocese be rendered to the Rt. Rev. Dr. Williams, assistant Bishop of Connecticut, and to the Rev. Dr. Atkinson, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Baltimore, for their sermons preached at the funeral services of Bishop Henshaw, by the former in Providence, and by the latter in Baltimore; and that these gentlemen be requested to furnish copies of their sermons for the press.

Resolved, That one thousand copies of the sermons be published, one hundred for the family of the late Bishop Henshaw, one hundred each for Bishop Williams and Rev. Dr. Atkinson, and the remaining seven hundred to be distributed among the clergy and parishes in the diocese.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention, the Rev. Benjamin Watson, be a committee to carry the last two resolutions into effect.

GEO. W. HATHAWAY, *Scribe.*

APPENDIX B.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Rhode Island, specially convened in Providence, on occasion of the death of our Diocesan, the Right Rev. John P. K. Henshaw, D. D., July 26, 1852, it was unanimously

Resolved, That we recognize in this melancholy event the hand of a wise and merciful Providence, and bow in humble submission to the chastening rod that has so severely afflicted us, and deeply sympathize with our brethren in a visitation that has suddenly deprived this Church of its beloved and reverend head, and the Church at large of a learned prelate and judicious counsellor.

Resolved, That we shall ever hold in grateful and affectionate remembrance the christian courtesy and kindly confidence that has ever characterised the intercourse of our late Diocesan with this Committee, and also his many private virtues, and able and efficient public ministrations by which the harmony and interests of the Diocese have been successfully promoted and sustained.

Resolved, That we tender our affectionate condolences to the widow and children of the deceased in their afflictive bereavement, and pray that the God of all consolation may lift up the light of His countenance upon them, and give them peace.

Resolved, That we sicerely sympathize with the bereaved parish, who by this mournful event have been deprived of both a bishop and pastor, and trust that his faithful ministrations and godly counsels among them will be affectionately cherished as a rich legacy, and be an enduring memorial of his Christian virtues and pastoral fidelity.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, signed by the President and Secretary, be sent to the family of the deceased, and to the presiding bishop, and be published in the daily papers of this State and in the Christian Witness.

GEORGE TAFT, *President, pro tem.*

THOMAS BURGESS, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX C.

At a meeting of Clergy from the Dioceses of New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, with the Clergy of the Diocese of Rhode Island, the Rt. Rev. G. W. Doane, D. D., Bishop of New Jersey, was called to the chair, and the Rev. Hobart Williams was appointed Secretary. On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of one clergyman from each Diocese present, with a Committee from the Diocese of Rhode Island, be appointed to draught resolutions expressive of the sentiments of the meeting on the decease of the Rt. Rev. J. P. K. Henshaw, D. D., late Bishop of Rhode Island.

Thereupon, the following persons were chosen the Committee:

Rt. Rev. Bishop Doane, of New Jersey.
Rt. Rev. Bishop Southgate, of Massachusetts.
Rev. Francis Vinton, D. D., of New York.
Rev. Robert A. Hallam, of Connecticut.
Rev. Richard Newton, D. D., of Pennsylvania.
Rev. Daniel Pise, of Tennessee, and
Rev. Henry Waterman,
Rev. Silas A. Crane, and,
Rev. Benjamin Watson,
} of Rhode Island.

The Committee reported the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, in His divine and inscrutiable providence, to remove from this world the soul of our beloved father and brother in Christ, the Right Reverend John Prentiss Kewley Henshaw, D. D., Bishop of Rhode Island, therefore

Resolved 1*st*, That while we bow in devout submission to the Divine will, we deeply feel the loss sustained by our whole Communion in the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, by the withdrawal from its ministry of one so zealous and devoted, so influential and efficient, in the promotion of the Gospel in the church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Resolved 2*d*, That in his death we especially deplore the loss to the missionary work, at home and abroad, of one of its most efficient supporters, wisest counsellors, and most eloquent advocates and defenders.

Resolved, 3*d*, That in the steady growth of the Church in the Diocese of Rhode Island during his Episcopate, and in its present high degree of prosperity, we recognize the noblest monument of his ability as a man, and his faithfulness as a Bishop.

Resolved 4*th*, That while our hearts are deeply touched by the departure of our beloved father and brother from this life, at a distance from his home and from his flock, while administering the Diocese of Maryland, in the absence of its Bishop for the recovery of his health, we feel the beautiful propriety with which his ministry was closed upon the field of service, which for a quarter of a century, he had distinguished by his talents, adorned by his piety, and advanced by his labors and his prayers.

Resolved 5*th*, That we deeply sympathize with the Parish over which the departed Bishop presided as Rector, in the loss of a pastor who so faithfully and successfully ministered to them in holy things.

Resolved 6*th*, That we tender our hearty condolence to the afflicted widow and family of the late Bishop, and commend them to the grace of Him who alone can effectually heal the wounded heart.

Voted, That the foregoing preamble and resolutions, signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the meeting, be transmitted to the afflicted family of the deceased, to the Wardens and Vestry of Grace Church, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Rhode Island, and to the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese of Maryland.

G. W. Doane, *Chairman.*

Hobart Williams, *Secretary.*

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CHURCH.

BAPTISMS,	Adults,	
	Infants,	
	Total,	
CONFIRMATIONS,		
COMMUNICANTS,	Added,	
	Died and removed,	
	Present number,	
SUNDAY SCHOOLS,	Teachers,	
	Scholars,	
MARRIAGES,		
BURIALS,		
SUNDAY OFFERINGS AND OTHER CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS,	MISSIONS.	Foreign,
		Domestic,
		Diocesan,

Signed, ——— ———, *Rector, (or Minister.)*

Other matters calculated to throw light on the state of the parish may be noted in conclusion.

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GRACE CHURCH, PROVIDENCE, }
June 14*th*, 1853. }

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Rhode Island, a number of the Clergy and Laity assembled at 10 o'clock, A. M., in Grace Church, Providence.

Morning prayer was conducted by the Rev. Benjamin Watson and the Rev. Wm. Wilkington, of Mass. The Rev. G. W. Hathaway officiated in the Ante-Communion Service. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. B. P. Talbot. The Holy Communion was administered by the Rev. Messrs. Hathaway and Watson.

At the close of Divine Service, the Convention was called to order by the Secretary.

On motion, the Rev. Mr. Hathaway was appointed President *pro tem.*

The following Committees were then appointed by the Chair:

On the Rights of Members to Seats.

Rev. T. H. Vail,	G. S. Wardwell,
" H. Waterman,	Edward Walcott.

On the Application of new Parishes.

Rev. J. H. Eames,
George Pearce, W. T. Grinnell.

The Lay Delegates next presented their Certificates.

On motion, clergymen not entitled to seats in this body, and candidates for Orders, who might be present, were invited to honorary seats in the Convention. Of such there were present, the Rev. J. Rambo, Missionary to Africa, the Rev. Wm. Withington, of Mass., the Rev. B. B. Babbitt, of Mass., the Rev. W. S. Child, of Mass., the Rev. W. H. Trapnell, of Del., and the Rev. George Slattery, of Maine.

The Convention then adjourned until 4 o'clock.

Tuesday afternoon, 4 o'clock.

The Convention met according to adjournment. The Committee on the Qualifications of Members, reported the following CLERGYMEN as entitled to *a seat and vote :*

*Rev. *George Anthony*,	Rev. John Kelly,
" *John Bristed*,	" D. C. Millett,
" *Lemuel Burge*,	" Sam'l Penny, Jr.,
" D. R. Brewer,	" K. J. Stewart,
" J. H. Carpenter,	" George Taft,
" G. W. Chevers,	" B. P. Talbot,
" S. A. Crane,	" Thos. H. Vail,
" *N. B. Crocker, D. D.*,	" F. J. Warner,
" J. H. Eames,	" H. Waterman,
" G. W. Hathaway,	" Benj. Watson,
" D. Henshaw,	" Hobart Williams,

Rev. Jos. Trapnell, Jr.

Also the following as entitled to *a seat but not a vote :*

Rev. E. P. Gray,	Rev. E. L. Drown,
" *R. B. Fairbairn*,	" W. H. Mills,

Rev. E. W. Stokes.

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* Those whose names are in italics were not present in Convention.

The following LAY DELEGATES were reported as constitutionally entitled to seats in this Convention, representing their several parishes:

PLACES.	CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.
Providence,	St. John's.	Austin Gurney, C. H. Dabney, E. W. Howard, Robert H. Ives.
"	Grace.	Richmond Brownell, E. Walcott, W. T. Grinnell, S. A. Arnold,
"	St. Stephen's.	Resolved Waterman, G. Gurnett, William Burrough, Wm. Field.
"	St. Andrew's.	J. Hutchison, *H. C. Preston*, *Arnold Peters*, *G. W. Talbot.*
Warren,	St. Mark's.	*Haile Collins*, C. T. Child, John T. Child, James Gardner.
Bristol,	St. Michael's.	George Pearce, *J. D. Waldron*, J. D'Wolf Perry, *T. J. Usher.*
Portsmouth,	St. Paul's.	*John Burrington*, Benj. Greene, J. Thomas, G. W. A. Howard.
Newport,	Trinity.	*David King*, J. H. Gilliat, *T. R. Hunter*, M. C. Slocum.
"	Zion.	*S. T. Northam*, *W. Rider*, A. Bush, E. Van Zandt.
"	Emanuel.	T. H. Oman, J. Steele, J. Stoddard, T. Millington.
Westerly,	Christ.	*G. D. Cross*, *Rowse Babcock*, *O. D. Wells*, *H. N. Campbell.*
Woonsocket,	St. James's.	Geo. S. Wardwell, W. Booth, Jr. G. C. Wilson, *Eli Pond.*
Lonsdale,	Christ.	*Baylies Bourne*, *W. B. Whiting*, George A. Kent, *James Geldard.*
N. Providence,	St. Paul's.	*Alanson Thayer*, T. R. Dix, David Lefavour, *D. L. Peck.*
Wickford,	St. Paul's.	Gideon Freeborn, *G. Hammond*, *James Eldred*, J. S. M'Laughlin.
Johnston,	St. Peter's.	Elisha O. Angell, *W. S. King*, P. F. Brown, W. S. Devereux.
E. Greenwich,	St. Luke's.	J. H. Elredge, *R. Holden*, 2*d.* Cha's W. Greene, Jos. Winsor.
Manville,	Emanuel.	Daniel Hale, *H. Freeman.* Isaiah J. Weaver, W. H. Bebee.
Wakefield,	Ascension.	*Atm. Robinson*, Alb't Robinson. Elisha Watson, G. N. Champlain.
Crompton,	St. Philip's.	*J. F. Slocum*, *John Campbell*, *Joseph Liddle*, *James Slater.*

Parishes not represented — St. Thomas's, Greenville; and St. Matthew's, Jamestown.

The Committee asked leave to sit again with reference to the case of a Clergyman, and also that of a Lay Delegation, which was granted.

The Rolls were then called by the Secretary.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for a President, which resulted in the choice of the Rev. G. W. Hathaway.

The Convention proceeded to ballot for a Secretary.

Pending this election, the President appointed the following Committees:

Of Finance.	*On Unfinished business.*
R. H. Ives,	Rev. S. A. Crane,
E. Walcott,	G. A. Kent,
G. S. Wardwell,	J. H. Gilliat.

The Rev. Benjamin Watson was declared to have been elected Secretary.

The Rules of order were then read.

The regular Annual Reports being now in order, the several Officers and Boards of the Convention were called upon.

The Treasurer and Standing Committee not being ready, their reports were deferred.

The Board of Missions reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Missionary Convocation respectfully reports to the Convention, that during the past year a meeting has been held in each of the following parishes, viz.: Christ Church, Lonsdale; Ascension Church, Wakefield; St. Thomas, Greenville; St. Stephen's, Providence; and St. Paul's, North Providence. The usual religious services were celebrated, and, with the exception of the intermediate meeting, at Wakefield, the customary business of the Convocation transacted.

The meeting at Greenville was one of sadness. He who had so long been the moving spirit in our enterprise, around whom

we gathered with some sympathetic portion of the zeal and energy which he never failed to infuse, — whose heart was so largely given to the missionary work, whose plans were so judicious, whose executive ability in carrying them out, even to the minutest details, was so extraordinary, and who in well-laid schemes, was content to labor on in patience, in faith, in hope, — he, could never more meet with us to preside over our deliberations, to encourage the desponding, to support the weak, to guide the zealous, to cheer and strengthen all, to pray with us and for us, and to give us his fatherly benediction.

The following parishes and missionary stations have been assisted, viz: St. Andrew's, Providence; St. Philip's, Crompton, in connection with the other stations in the valley of the Pawtuxet; and the station at Centredale; besides the stations under the charge of the Itinerant Missionary, from a special fund raised for the purpose.

The receipts of the past year, not including contributions for the Itinerant mission, have amounted to $1235,88; and the expenditures to $1180,05; leaving a balance of $55,83; which sum has been paid to the Itinerant Missionary, in part of $100, voted by the Convocation, to make up, if needed, the deficit of his salary.

St. Andrew's Church, Providence, is at present closed; and we fear that, so long as it remains in its present location, any attempt to re-open it would be useless. Could it be removed to a more favorable position, and a Missionary well sustained without interruption for a few years, we doubt not of ultimate success. But the Convocation with its present limited funds is unequal to this. And the failure of this important work, (if thus it must be,) upon which so much labor and money have already been bestowed, and the lack of means to occupy other available points in the Diocese, we cannot hesitate to say must be laid at the door of those parishes which do not co-operate with us in our endeavors to extend the privileges and blessings of the Church throughout the Diocese. It is humiliating, it is disheartening, that out of twenty-three organized parishes there should be found only eight to contribute to the general fund placed at the disposal of your Board of Missions; especially when almost every other Diocese in the Union seems to be more and more awakened to the necessity of Diocesan Boards, under some or other name, and to be vigorously prosecuting the missionary work within their own limits. Some Dioceses make the subject a matter of positive enactment, obliging, as far as any canons can oblige, every parish therein to aid the undertaking. But we confess we do not see that the *moral* obligation is impaired in the least degree, when, as by our organization, participation in the work is left optional with each parish and rector.

If any imagine that the funds of the Convocation are not judiciously applied, the remedy is in their own hands: let them join the Convocation, and their voices will be gladly heard in the management of its affairs. If any, from the straightened circumstances of their own parish, are tempted unwisely to concentrate all their efforts at home, — to dry up all the streams in their very fountain, instead of letting them flow outward and onward, and swell with the confluence of other such streams to make glad the city of our God, — let them remember that the Scriptures truly declare, "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." It is a suicidal policy; it tendeth to poverty in the very things it would accumulate, and what is infinitely worse, it surely tendeth to poverty of the missionary spirit, and with that, the decay of pure religion and undefiled.

On behalf of the Convocation,

JOHN KELLY, *Secretary.*

The Board of Education made no report.

The Rev. Mr. Trapnell, on behalf of the Board of Sunday Schools, offered some remarks.

The Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes made a verbal Report.

The Depository Board had leave to defer their Report until to-morrow.

A similar permission was granted to the Board for Relief of Widows and Orphans, &c.

The following Parochial Reports were then handed in.

GRACE CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms—Adults, 3; Infants, 16; total, 19. Confirmed 7. Communicants—Added, 12; Present number, about, 330. Marriages, 2; Burials, 10. Sunday School—Teachers, 27; Pupils, 200; Volumes in Library, 830.

Sunday offerings for Missions, Foreign, Domestic, and Diocesan, $682,11; Communion alms, $213,36; other contributions, $335; total, $1230,47. Without a Rector.

HENRY BURROUGHS, officiating temporarily.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

The undersigned respectfully reports that he continued his connexion with St. Paul's Church, North Kingstown, until

April 1st, when his resignation of the Rectorship took effect. The report from that parish will show what official acts he performed before his removal.

Since April 1st, he has been officiating in St. John's Church, Providence, (the Rector being absent.) In this parish, from that time to the present, there have been —

Baptisms—Infants, 2; Adults, 4; total, 6. Confirmed, 10. Communicants—added, 11. Marriages, 4. Burials, 3. Sunday School—(actual attendance,) 212.

DANIEL HENSHAW.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 4; Infants, 22; total, 26. Marriages, 11. Burials, 11. Confirmed, 9. Communicants—added, 19. Died or removed, 15. Present number, 137. The Sunday School numbers some 12 Teachers, and 80 Pupils.

The Missionary and other charitable offerings of the Parish have amounted to about $700, of which sum, *one hundred and twenty* dollars were contributed at our Easter Communion, in behalf of Diocesan Missions.

HENRY WATERMAN, *Rector.*

TRINITY CHURCH, NEWPORT.

Baptisms—Adults, 4; Infants, 19; total, 23. Confirmations, 7. Communicants—added, 17. Died and removed, 12. Present number, 230. Marriages, 9. Burials, 13. Sunday School —Teachers, 15; Scholars, 150.

Offerings—for Emanuel Church, Newport, $1281,00; Itinerant Mission, R. I., $82,00; Widows and Orphan's Fund, $50,00; Foreign Missions, $50,00; other objects, $440,00; total, $1,903.00.

D. R. BREWER, *Rector.*

EMANUEL CHURCH, NEWPORT.

Baptisms—Adults, 3; Infants, 14; total, 17. Confirmations, 15. Communicants—added, 30. Present number, 73. Marriages, 3. Burials, 10. Sunday School—Scholars, 162; Teachers, 22; Contributions, &c., $86.

K. J. STEWART, *Rector.*

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, MIDDLETOWN.

Communicants, removed, 1. Present number, 8. Married, 1.

H. WILLIAMS, *Missionary.*

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH

Baptisms—Adults, 1; Infants, 3; total, 4. Confirmed, 1. Communicants—added, 1; removed, 1; present number, 16. Marriages, 2. Burials, 5. Sunday School—Teachers, 7; Scholars, 56.

Collections—Missions, $12,50; Sunday School Books, &c. $6,00; Parochial objects, $41,43; total, $59,93.

D. C. MILLETT, *Minister.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH.

Baptisms—Adults, 2. Confirmations, 3. Communicants—added, 3. Present number, 23. Marriages, 1.

The undersigned had no parochial charge during the last Conventional year, till the first Sunday in January last. He then took the temporary oversight of the Parish of Portsmouth, where he has been laboring to the present date. Owing to ill health, he has been able to hold but one service on Sunday, in the afternoon.

The attendance upon this service has been very good, and the Parish in other respects is in a very encouraging condition. It is hoped that they will soon be able to secure the permanent services of a Rector.

SAMUEL PENNY, JR.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH NORTH PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms—Adults, 5; Infants, 23; total, 28. Confirmations, 6; Communicants, died, 4; added, 8; present number about 200. Sunday School—Teachers, 23; Scholars, 180; average attendance about 140. Marriages, 20. Burials, 63. Sunday Offerings, $161,93. Foreign Missions, Africa, $26; Diocesan Missions, $60; Sunday School, $5.

GEORGE, TAFT, *Rector.*

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BRISTOL.

Baptisms—Adults, 3; Infants, 10; total, 13. Confirmations, 7. Communicants, 285. Marriages, 7. Burials, 14. Sunday School—Teachers, 14; Scholars, 100; Infant Sunday School—Teachers, 3; Scholars, 50; total Teachers, 17; total Scholars, 150. Collections in the Congregation, including the Communion Alms, $347,42; Appropriated by the Ladies' Benevolent Association, $268; total, $615,42.

JOSEPH TRAPNELL, JR., *Rector.*

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, WARREN.

Baptisms—Adults, 2; Infants, 8; total, 10. Confirmations, 6. Communicants, added, 11; died 2; removed, 1; present number, 125. Marriages, 3. Burials, 7. Sunday School—Teachers, 18; Scholars, 90; Volumes in Library, 335. Contributions, Foreign Missions, $54,50; Domestic, $35; Diocesan, $107,25. Widows and Orphans of Clergy, $15. Communion Alms, $86,54 Less Itinerant Mission, $25; Widow's Society, $15; total, $258,29.

In addition to the above contributions, about $1200 have been paid for the building and furnishing a neat and commodious Chapel, intended for the accommodation of the Sunday School, for evening lectures, and for the celebration of the Holy Days throughout the year.

JOHN KELLY, *Rector.*

CHRIST CHURCH, LONSDALE.

The undersigned is happy to report this parish in a healthy state. The congregation, though being constantly drawn upon by removals, has increased, and seems to be united and harmonious; there has been less religious interest than in the previous year, and the additions to the Communion have not equalled the removals; but we trust good seed has been sown, that, if watered by the prayers of God's people, will yet spring up and bear much fruit unto eternal life.

By the aid of the ladies, and a liberal donation from the honorable Company, a sufficient sum has been raised for the purchase of a new and larger Organ, which has been contracted for, and will be set up in a few weeks, and which, we hope, will give additional interest to the devotions of the Sanctuary.

Baptisms—Infants, 11. Communicants, added, 5; removed, 9; present number, 69. Burials, 14. Marriages, 10. Sunday School—Scholars, 120; Teachers, 15.

GEORGE. W. HATHAWAY, *Rector.*

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, WOONSOCKET.

Baptisms—Adults, 6; Infants, 17; total, 23. Confirmations, 8. Communicants, added, 13; died and removed, 13; present number, 113. Marriages, 8. Burials, 23. Sunday School—Teachers, 17; Scholars, 132. Missions, Foreign and Domestic, $71,48; Widows and Orphans of Clergy, $12; Sewing Circle for Parochial objects, $100; other contributions for charitable purposes, $59,54; total, 243,02.

BAYLIES P. TALBOT, *Rector.*

CHRIST CHURCH, WESTERLY.

Baptisms—Adults, 1; Infants, 6; total, 7. Confirmations, 4. Communicants, added, 7; died or removed, 6; present number, 161. Sunday School—Teachers, 18; Scholars, 90. Sunday Offerings and other Charitable Contributions—Missions, $150; other donations, $250; total, $400.

THOMAS H. VAIL, *Rector.*

EMANUEL CHURCH, MANVILLE.

The undersigned was engaged with this parish from the sixth Sunday after Trinity till Easter, since which time he has temporarily supplied them with services. In this time little apparently has been accomplished. The congregation, however, has fully sustained, if not increased its numbers, and has been commendably punctual in all weathers.

Communicants, removed, 2; present number belonging to the parish, 32, of which 7 are non-resident. Actual Communicants, 23. Marriages, 1. Burials, 3.

EDWARD P. GRAY, *Deacon.*

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, EAST GREENWICH.

Baptisms—Adults, 1; Infants, 6; total, 7. Confirmed, 3. Communicants, added, 2; died and removed, 5; present number, 61. Marriages, 4. Burials, 9. Sunday School—Teachers, 20; Scholars, 110. Sunday Offerings, $158. General Diocesan Mission, $12,50. Fund for the Widows and Ophans of Clergy, $4,13; total, $174,63.

To the Superintendant of the Sunday School for his persevering efforts, to the Rev. Mr. Burge for his assistance, and to the parish generally for repeated marks of kindness and esteem, the thanks of the Rector are most justly due and heartily given.

S. A. CRANE, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NORTH KINGSTOWN.

Baptisms—Adults, 1; Infants, 3; total, 4. Confirmations, 4. Communicants—added, 1; present number, 35. Sunday School—Teachers, 8; Scholars, 40. Sunday Offerings in the Church, $196,42; of which were appropriated to Itinerant Mission, $12,50; Foreign Missions, $33,00; Nashotah Mission, $10; Domestic Missions, $20; Widows and Orphans, $13; total, $88,50. Balance for incidental and other charitable purposes, $107,92.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

GIDEON FREEBORN, *Warden.*

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, WAKEFIELD.

Baptisms—Adults, 1; Infants, 10; total, 11. Confirmations, 4. Communicants—added, 6; present number, 50. Sunday School—Teachers, 8; Scholars, 56. Burials, 5. Offerings, $19,29. Collections, $27,48.

The past year has been with us one of slow, but we trust of healthful growth. The generous liberality of a few friends in Philadelphia and elsewhere has furnished us with a neat and substantial stone font, and a small but much needed Sunday School and Parish Library. The Parish, once dependent on the Missionary Convocation, is now self-supporting. Our Church edifice (of a very "queer" order of architecture) we hope soon to see so remodelled as to be more convenient for the congregation, and better adapted to the great purposes of Christian worship.

We need many things, but most of all grace, grace, grace.

F. J. Warner, *Rector.*

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, JOHNSTON.

Baptisms—Adults, 2; Infants, 1; total, 3. Confirmations, 8. Communicants—added, 8; died and removed, 5; present number, 22. Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 36. Marriages, 2. Burials, 1. Contributions, Domestic Missions, $6,35; Widow's and Orphans' Fund, $4; Communion Alms, $12; total, $22,35.

For two years past, the morning service only has been held in St. Peter's Church. By great exertions, the parish commenced on the first Sunday in May to support both morning and evening service.

William H. Mills, *Minister.*

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, CROMPTON.

Baptisms—Adults, 2; Infants, 9; total, 11. Confirmations, 4; added, 4. Died and removed, 7. Present number, 20. Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 40. Marriages, 3. Burials, 12.

Station at Phenix.

Baptisms—Infants, 2; Communicants—added, 2. Died and removed, 3. Present number, 10. Burials, 5. Sunday School—Teachers, 4; Scholars, 20.

I have officiated three times on Sundays, in the morning at St. Philip's, in the afternoon at the station in Phenix; and in

the evenings at Richmond Mills, or at Rockland, and once at Hope Village.

G. W. Chevers, *Deacon.*

ZION CHURCH, NEWPORT.

Baptisms—Infants, 7. Communicants—added, 5. Died and removed, 3; present number, 154. Sunday School—Teachers, 22; Scholars, 135. Marriages 3. Burials, 10.

My absence at the time of the visitation of the Diocese by Bishop Burgess, prevented a confirmation from being then held in the Parish. That ordinance, however, will probably be administered in a few weeks.

Benjamin Watson, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, TOWER HILL.

Services have been holden during the past season on alternate Sundays. There being no means of warming the Church, the services were commenced as early and continued as long as the weather would permit. Though the congregations have not been large, yet quite a good number have usually attended. There are eight Communicants. One funeral has been attended, and two Marriages celebrated. Twice I have preached and administered the Holy Communion in St. Matthew's Church, Jamestown.

Elisha F. Watson, *Rector.*

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, JAMESTOWN.

Baptisms, 0. Confirmations, 0. Communicants—added, 0. Present number, 14.

Collections for Widows and Orphans Fund, $2; other objects, $3,50.

George Anthony, *Deacon.*

GENERAL MISSIONARY REPORT.

Baptisms—Adults, 3; Infants, 17; total, 20. Confirmations, 2. Communicants, 25. Marriages, 4. Burials, 9. Sunday School—Teachers, 13; Scholars, 129.

During the past Conventional year my labors have been about the same as during the previous year. The attendance and interest of the people where I have officiated have not at all decreased.

J. H. Eames.

Certain bills relative to the funeral expenses of the late Bishop, and to those of the Committee appointed to inform Dr. Hawks of his election to the vacant Episcopate, were referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion, the thanks of the Convention were ordered to be tendered to Bishop Burgess, for his late services in the Diocese.

On motion, a Committee was appointed to express the sense of the Convention in reference to the decease of the late Rev. James W. Cooke, a Presbyter of this Diocese, — consisting of the following Clergymen:

Rev. T. H. Vail, Rev. J. Trapnell, and Rev. H. Waterman.

The Committee appointed at the last Convention, "to inquire whether Delegates claiming seats in this Convention, otherwise than by a direct choice of the Parish, have a right to a seat in the same," (see Journal 1852, p. 34,) made a report, through their Chairman, which, after some discussion, was ordered to lie upon the table.

The Treasurer then read his Report, in part, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion, the sum of $500 was ordered to be assessed on the Parishes, for providing for Episcopal services during the coming year.

On motion, *Resolved*, That when the Convention adjourn, it adjourn till to-morrow morning, at 8½ o'clock.

On motion, the Report of the Committee on the subject of Delegates, was taken up, and the following Canon, proposed therein, after some amendments, adopted:

Any parish intending to be represented in this Convention, as provided for in the Fourth Article of the Constitution of the Diocese, shall choose its delegates in a parish meeting, regularly called in conformity with the Charter and By-Laws of the parish; and in addition to the delegates provided for in said Fourth Article, said parish shall, at the same meeting, choose four other persons to be called substitutes, who, in

the order in which they are chosen, shall be entitled to fill the place of any delegate who may resign, or be unable to attend; and such delegates and substitutes shall continue in office until the next annual meeting of the parish; and also until new ones shall have been chosen to take their places.

The Convention then adjourned.

GRACE CHURCH, June 15, 1853.

The Convention met according to adjournment. Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Hathaway. The Rolls were called, and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

The Treasurer presented a farther Report, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Committee on Credentials reported that the Delegates from St. Paul's, Tower Hill, were not entitled to membership, and that Rev. E. F. Watson was entitled to a seat, but not to a vote, in the Convention.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Deputies to the ensuing General Convention, after the manner prescribed in the Constitution, which resulted in the choice of the following persons:

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	Robert H. Ives,
" S. A. Crane,	G. S. Wardwell,
" H. Waterman,	W. T. Grinnell,
" D. R. Brewer.	E. W. Howard.

The following *substitutes* were elected:

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. Thomas H. Vail,	John H. Gilliatt,
" Samuel Penny, Jr.,	David King,
" G. W. Hathaway,	E. Walcott,
" J. H. Eames.	A. Gurney.

The following were appointed a Committee to nominate Trustees of the General Theological Seminary for this Diocese:

Rev. S. A. Crane, Rev. T. H. Vail,
J. H. Gilliatt.

The Regular Annual Elections were then had.

E. W. Howard, Esq., was re-elected *Treasurer.*

Standing Committee.

Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	Thomas Burgess,
" George Taft,	Resolved Waterman,
" Thomas H. Vail,	G. S. Wardwell,
" G. W. Hathaway,	Edward Walcott.

The Board for Relief of Widows and Orphans, &c., then made their Report, which was referred to the Committee of Finance. (See Appendix.)

The Committee on Nomination of Trustees of the General Seminary, reported the following persons:

Rev. Dr. Crocker,	Rev. H. Waterman,
" Benj. Watson,	Alexander Duncan,

who were, on motion, accepted by the Convention as their nominees to the General Convention.

The following elections were then made:

Board of Education.

Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	E. W. Howard,
" Hobart Williams,	G. S. Wardwell.

Board of Sunday Schools.

Rev. Joseph Trapnell, Jr.,	E. W. Howard,
" Daniel Henshaw,	C. H. Dabney.

The Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes.

Robert H. Ives,	Amasa Manton,
Alexander Duncan,	W. T. Grinnell.

Board of Fund for the Relief of Widows and Orphans.

Alexander Duncan,	Resolved Waterman,
William T. Grinnell,	Edward Walcott.

Depository Board.

Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	E. W. Howard,
" James H. Eames,	E. Walcott.

On motion, Canon Vth, (numbered Canon VIth,) entitled *Of the Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes*, was so amended, as that in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the President of the Standing Committee shall be a member of the Board, and the Chairman thereof.

The Finance Committee presented their Report on the Convention expenses and Bishop's salary, which was accepted; and the resolutions appended thereto adopted. (See Appendix.)

On motion, Canon, VIth, (numbered Vth), entitled, *Of the Board for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, &c.*, was so amended, as that in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the President of the Standing Committee shall be a member of the Board, and the Chairman thereof.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Clergy of the Diocese be, and they are hereby requested to report to the Chairman of the Board of Sunday Schools, the condition of the Sunday Schools in connection with their various parishes, on or before the 1st day of May, 1854, in order that from the reports so made, a statement of the general condition of the Sunday Schools in the Diocese may be made to the Convention.

The Standing Committee presented the following as their Annual Report: —

JUNE 14, 1853.

To the Diocese of Rhode Island at their Annual Convention:

The Standing Committee for said Diocese respectfully report that, after the appointment of the Board in 1852, the members met on the ninth day of June, 1852, in Providence—all the members being present; and elected,

REV. NATHAN B. CROCKER, *President.*
THOMAS BURGESS, *Secretary.*

And at the meeting of said Committee, holden on the 21st day of said June, at the house of the President, he being in the chair, the testimonials of Edward Livingston Drown, William Hammond Mills, and Edward Powers Gray, candidates for admission to the sacred order of Deacon, were presented and duly considered; and thereupon it was voted, that the three candidates be severally recommended to the Rev. Bishop of the Diocese for Deacons' orders; and the required testimonials were signed.

And at the meeting of said Committee held on the 26th day of July, the preamble and resolutions in commemoration of the late Bishop Henshaw were presented, unanimously adopted and placed on file by the Secretary, the same were published, and copies sent to the family of the deceased, and to the Presiding Bishop.

The Committee at their meeting, on the 23d day of August, took into consideration the subject of calling a Special Convention of the Diocese for the election of a Bishop, which, after discussion, was postponed, and at this meeting, resolutions and letters of Christian sympathy and condolence, from several Dioceses and bodies of Clergy, on account of the death of the Bishop, were presented and read, and the same were duly appreciated, and ordered to be placed on file by the Secretary.

At the meeting on the 30th of August, the application of the Rev. Philip Tocque for admission to the order of Deacon was presented, and referred to a Committee; and at a subsequent meeting, on the 16th day of September, he was recommended to the Bishop of Connecticut for admission to the office of Deacon.

At this meeting the resolutions for calling a Special Convention on the subject of electing a Bishop, and providing for his support, were taken up and passed, and the day for the meeting was fixed on the 28th day of September, 1852.

A communication was made at the meeting on the 14th of October, 1852, in relation to the consecration of the Rev. Jonathan M. Wainwright, D. D., D. C. L., as Provisional Bishop of the

Diocese of New York. The testimonials in the case being read, and found satisfactory, the Committee signified their approbation, and signed the papers.

At the meeting of the Board holden this day, the Committee being advised that the Convention had elected the Rev. Francis L. Hawks, as Bishop of this Diocese, it was ordered that the Secretary prepare and forward to the proper officers of the several Dioceses in the Union, the information of the election of a Bishop, and request their assent to his consecration.

The Committee at their meeting on the 11th November, 1852, granted a letter of transfer of the Rev. Thomas L. Randolph from this Diocese to the Diocese of Vermont, and at the same meeting were officially informed that the Rev. Francis L. Hawks declined to accept the office of Bishop of the Diocese of Rhode Island, and the communication was ordered to be put on file.

At the meeting of the Committee on the 24th day of February, 1853,—it was voted, that the Bishop of Maine be invited to make a Visitation of this Diocese, and to perform any needful Episcopal service therein, before the present annual convention; and that the Treasurer furnish the means to defray his expenses, and that the President communicate the invitation.

The Rev. Baylies P. Talbot was appointed Preacher for the present Convention; and the Rev. Hobart Williams was appointed his substitute.

THOMAS BURGESS, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF BISHOP BURGESS.

To the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Rhode Island:

BRETHREN—In accordance with your request that I would visit the churches of the Diocese of Rhode Island at some time before the meeting of the Diocesan Convention, I have just completed a visitation, which has embraced, I believe, all the congregations possessing a parochial organization. The following report of the services on these occasions is at your disposal.

On Tuesday, in Whitsun week, May 17, I visited St. James' Church, Woonsocket, and, after confirming in private, a person in very precarious health, preached in the church, and confirmed seven persons.

On Wednesday, May 18, I preached in Emanuel Church, Manville.

On Friday, May 20, at St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich, I was present while the children of the congregation were catechized, and addressed them; and in the evening preached and confirmed three persons.

On Saturday, May 21, I preached and confirmed one person, in St. Paul's Church, Wickford.

On Trinity Sunday, May 22, I preached three times in Christ Church, Westerly, and confirmed four persons.

On Monday, May 23, I preached and confirmed four persons, in the Church of the Ascension, Wakefield.

On Tuesday, May 24, I preached in the morning at St. Matthew's Church, Jamestown; and in the evening at Zion Church, Newport.

On Wednesday, May 25, in the morning I preached in Trinity Church, Newport, and administered confirmation to seven persons. In the evening at the building occupied by the congregation of Emanuel Church, Newport, I preached and confirmed fifteen persons.

On Thursday, May 26, I preached in the Church of the Holy Cross, Middletown.

On Friday, May 27, in the morning at St. Mary's Church, Portsmouth, I preached and confirmed one person. In the afternoon at St. Paul's Church, Portsmouth, I preached and confirmed three persons. In the evening of the same day I preached in St. Michael's Church, Bristol, and confirmed seven persons.

On Saturday, May 28, I preached in St. Mark's Church, Warren, and administered confirmation to six persons.

On the first Sunday after Trinity, May 29, I preached in the morning at Grace Church, Providence, and confirmed seven persons. In the afternoon at St. Stephen's Church, I preached and confirmed nine persons. In the evening, at St. John's Church I preached and confirmed ten persons.

On Monday, May 30, I preached at St. Andrew's Church, Providence.

On Tuesday, May 31, at St. Philip's Church, Crompton, I preached and confirmed three persons. In the same parish, I administered confirmation to a sick person in private.

On Wednesday, June 1, I preached and confirmed eight persons, at St. Peter's Church, Johnston. On the evening of the same day, at St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, I preached and confirmed two persons.

On Thursday, June 2, I preached in Christ Church, Lonsdale.

On Friday, June 3, I preached in St. Paul's Church, North Providence, and confirmed six persons.

On each occasion of confirmation, I addressed the candidates or the congregation after the administration of the ordinance. The whole number of persons confirmed is one hundred and five.

At every step of this visitation I have been necessarily re-

minded of that bereavement of the Diocese, which, in the Providence of God, has called me to duties to which it has given a more than their usual solemnity. I desire to express to you my deep sympathy with your sense of the greatness of that bereavement, and my strong conviction, strengthened by all which I have witnessed now, of the wisdom, laboriousness and faithfulness of your departed Father in God. It has been a satisfaction to me to reciprocate towards his Diocese, in any measure, the interest which, at an early period of his episcopate, he felt and exercised in the visitations to which he was called in the Diocese of Maine; and to declare my grateful respect for his long and very fruitful ministry in the Church of Christ.

I may be permitted also to add the expression of my thanks to the Clergy for their uniform and hospitable kindness, and of my devout gratitude to God for the mature prosperity of the Church upon my native soil.

I am, with great respect and esteem,

Your Brother in Christ,

GEORGE BURGESS.

Providence, June, 1853.

The Committee appointed for that purpose, presented the following Resolutions in reference to the decease of the Rev. Mr. Cooke, which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, in the Providence of God, the late Rev. James W. Cooke, a Presbyter of this Diocese, has, since the last Convention, been removed from us by death, this Convention desire to recognize in this affliction the sovereign hand of a Heavenly Father, and to bow with submission to the dispensation with which He has visited us.

Resolved, That the members of this Convention will always cherish the remembrance of the many excellent and lovely traits of our departed brother—his earnest zeal for God—his fidelity in the ministry of Christ—his kindness and warmth of heart in all his social relations—and, especially, his active and unwearied interest in the Missionary work, an interest very strikingly exemplified in the circumstances of his death.

Resolved, That we mourn the loss of a beloved friend and brother, and would express our earnest sympathies in this bereavement with the former parishioners of our departed brother, in this Diocese and elsewhere, with the members of the Board of Missions, and of the Foreign Committee of said Board, with whom he has so long been officially associated, and

especially with the bereaved family of the deceased, and that they be hereby assured of our earnest prayers for them in their great sorrow.

Resolved, That copies of these Resolutions be sent, by the Secretary, to the Foreign Committee of the Board of Missions, and to the widow and family of the departed.

[Signed.] THOMAS H. VAIL,
JOS. TRAPNELL, JR.
H. WATERMAN.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to erect a monument to the memory of the late Bishop of this Diocese, and to take all neceesary measures for the procuring of the same. The following persons were appointed on that Committee :

Rev. J. H. Eames, E. W. Howard, W. T. Grinnell.

It was then moved, that the Convention proceed to the Election of a Bishop. The vote by orders being called for, the *yeas* and *nays* were taken as follows :

AYES.	NAYS.
Clerical.	
Rev. D. R. Brewer,	Rev. J. H. Carpenter,
" S. A. Crane,	" G. W. Chevers,
" G. W. Hathaway,	" J. H. Eames,
" George Taft,	" D. Henshaw,
" K. J. Stewart,	" J. Kelly,
" J. Trapnell,	" D. C. Millett,
" T. H. Vail,	" F. J. Warner,
" B. Watson, [8.]	" H. Waterman,
	" H. Williams,
	" B. P. Talbot,
	" S. Penny, [11.]
Lay.	
St. John's Church, Providence,	Grace Church, Providence,
St. Mark's Church, Warren,	St. Stephen's Ch., "

St. Michael's Church, Bristol,
Trinity Church, Newport,
Zion Church, Newport,
Emanuel Church, Newport,
Christ Church, Westerly,
Christ Church, Lonsdale,
St. Luke's Ch. E. Greenwich, [9.]

St. James' Church, Woons'ket,
St. Paul's Church, N. Prov.
St. Peter's Church, Johnston,
Emanuel Church, Manville,
Ascension Ch. Wakefield, [7.]

So the motion was lost by non-concurrence.

On motion, a re-consideration of the question was agreed upon.

Pending a discussion which then ensued, the Convention, on motion, adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M.

GRACE CHURCH, 3 O'CLOCK.

The Convention met according to adjournment. The resolution to proceed to the election of a Bishop, being the business now before the House, the vote was taken by Orders, as follows:

AYES.	NAYS.
Clerical.	
Rev. D. R. Brewer,	Rev. J. H. Carpenter,
" S. A. Crane,	" G. W. Chevers,
" G. W. Hathaway,	" J. H. Eames,
" George Taft,	" D. Henshaw,
" K. J. Stewart,	" J. Kelly,
" B. P. Talbot,	" F. J. Warner,
" D. C. Millett,	" H. Waterman,
" J. Trapnell,	" S. Penny, [8.]
" T. H. Vail,	
" B. Watson, [10.]	
Lay.	
St. John's Church, Providence,	Grace Church, Providence,
St. Mark's Church, Warren,	St. Stephen's Ch. "
St. Michael's Church, Bristol,	St. James' Church, Woons'ket,
Trinity Church, Newport,	St. Peter's Church, Johnston.
Zion Church, Newport,	Emanuel Church, Manville,

Emanuel Church, Newport, Ascension Ch., Wakefield, [6.]
Christ Church, Westerly,
St. Paul's Church, N. Prov.,
Christ Church, Lonsdale.
St. Luke's Ch., E. Greenwich, [10.]

The question being thus decided favorable to the election, after an interval of silent prayer, the Clergy retired from the Laity, and on their return, announced that they had not been able to agree upon a nominee.

The Treasurer then completed his Annual Report. (See Appendix.)

Voted, That 750 copies of the Journal be printed and distributed, under the direction of the officers of the Convention.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee be instructed to invite the Rt. Rev. Bishop Williams to perform Episcopal services in the Diocese, for the ensuing year.

Voted, That the next Annual Convention be held in Grace Church, Providence.

Voted, That $5 be paid to the Sexton of Grace Church, for his services in attendance on the Convention.

The following resolutions reported by the Finance Committee, were adopted :

Resolved, That the following bills be paid by the Treasurer out of any unappropriated funds in his hands at the end of the present year, viz :

Bill of expenses connected with the funeral of the late Rt. Rev. Bishop Henshaw, presented by Grace Church, amounting to two hundred and fourteen dollars and seventy-five cents.

E. Walcott's bill of expenses to New York, as a Committee under vote of special Convention, thirteen dollars.

Also, *Resolved*, That the Treasurer pay to the Treasurer of the General Convention the amount assessed to this Diocese for its proportion of expenses of the next General Convention, in conformity to Canon 1st, 1844, of the same.

Resolved, That a Committee of three members be appointed, whose duty it shall be to take measures, such as by them shall be deemed advisable, for raising from the several parishes of the Diocese, the sum of $5,000, for the benefit of the widow of our late Bishop, the sums raised or subscribed in the several parishes to be applied or invested by the Committee in such manner as shall be indicated by the contributors, the Committee being clothed with full powers to apply or invest all such contributions as may be unconditional, in such manner as they shall judge best, in accordance with the design of their appointment.

The Rev. Mr. Waterman, Dr. S. A. Arnold, and E. W. Howard, Esq., were appointed said Committee.

Resolved, That the amendment to Fifth Article of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, proposed by the last General Convention, and recorded on pp. 31, 32, of Journal of Rhode Island, 1852, be *approved.*

Voted, That the thanks of the Convention be given to the Rev. Mr. Hathaway, for his able services in presiding over this body.

After the reading of the minutes, and the usual devotional exercises, conducted by the President, the Convention adjourned.

G. W. Hathaway, *President.*

Benjamin Watson, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON CURRENT EXPENSES.

The Committee on Finance report that the sum required to pay the estimated expenses of this Convention, is one hundred and sixty-five dollars, which has been apportioned as follows, viz:

St. John's Church,	Providence,	$22 00
Grace "	"	22 00
St. Stephen's "	"	12 00
Trinity "	Newport,	19 00
Zion "	"	10 00
St. Paul's "	North Prov.,	10 00
St. Michael's "	Bristol,	15 00
St. Mark's "	Warren,	10 00
Christ "	Lonsdale	5 00
St. James "	Woonsocket,	9 00
Christ "	Westerly,	9 00
St. Paul's "	Portsmouth,	2 00
Emanuel "	Manville,	2 00
St. Luke's "	East Greenwich,	3 00
St. Paul's "	Wickford,	3 00
Ascension "	Wakefield,	1 00
St. Peter's "	Johnston,	1 00
St. Philip's "	Crompton,	1 00
St. Thomas' "	Greenville,	2 00
St. Mary's "	Portsmouth,	2 00
Emanuel "	Newport,	2 00
St. Andrew's "	Providence,	1 00
Ch. of the Holy Cross,	Middletown,	2 00
		$165,00

The Committee beg leave to recommend the following resolution for adoption.

Resolved, That the Delegates from the different Churches now pay to the Treasurer their several assessments.

ROBERT H. IVES,
EDWARD WALCOTT, } *Committee*,
G. S. WARDWELL.

Providence, June 15, 1853.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON THE BISHOP'S SALARY.

The Committee on Finance have assessed the several Parishes in this Diocese in accordance with the eighth Canon, for the salary of the Bishop, as follows:

St. John's Church,	Providence,	$70 00
Grace "	"	70 00
St. Stephen's "	"	25 00
Trinity "	Newport,	51 00
Zion "	"	38 00
St. Paul's "	North Prov.,	31 00
St. Michael's "	Bristol,	40 00
St. Mark's "	Warren,	30 00
Christ "	Lonsdale,	16 00
St. Paul's "	Portsmouth,	5 00
Emanuel "	Manville,	5 00
St. Luke's "	East Greenwich,	14 00
St. Paul's "	Wickford,	16 00
Ascension "	Wakefield,	14 00
St. Matthew's "	Jamestown,	3 00
St. Philip's "	Crompton,	1 00
St. Peter's "	Johnston,	2 00
St. Mary's "	Portsmouth,	5 00
St. Thomas "	Greenville,	3 00
St. James "	Woonsocket,	28 00
Christ "	Westerly,	28 00
Ch. of the Holy Cross,	Middletown,	5 00
		$500 00

The Committee recommend that the foregoing assessments be collected and paid by the several churches on or before the first day of October next.

ROBERT H. IVES,
EDWARD WALCOTT,
G. S. WARDWELL,
} *Committee.*

Providence, June 15, 1853.

Dr. *Permanent Fund in account with William T. Grinnell, Treasurer.* *Cr.*

1853. June 14.	To this sum credited in new account to balance,	$694 66	1852. June 8. By balance from old account, - - - - - $640 42
			1853. Jan. 12. By interest on account in Saving's Bank, - 54 24
		$694 66	$694 66

The above account has been examined with vouchers and found to be correct

ROBERT H. IVES,
GEO. S. WARDWELL,
EDWARD WALCOTT,
} *Committee of Audit.*

Providence, June 15, 1853.

1853. June 14. By balance of old account brought down, $694 66

E. & O. E.

W. T. GRINNELL, *Treasurer.*

Dr. *Charitable Fund in account with William T. Grinnell, Treasurer.* *Cr.*

1852.			
June 10.	For printing receipts, - - - - - -	$ 2 00	
1853.			
June 14.	This amount credited in new account to balance, - - - - - - - -	877 83	
		$879 83	

The above account has been examined with vouchers and found to be correct.

ROBERT H IVES,
GEO. S. WARDWELL,
EDWARD WALCOTT,
} *Committee of Audit.*

Providence, June 15, 1853.

1852.			
June 8.	By balance from old account, - - -		$480 11
" 9.	Amount collected in Grace Church,	Providence,	42 21
" 9.	" " St. Stephen's Ch.	Providence,	18 00
" 11.	" " St. Matthew's Ch.	Jamestown,	3 00
" 11.	" " St. Paul's Church,	Wickford,	12 00
" 11.	" " St. James' Ch'rch,	Woonsocket,	9 00
" 11.	" " St. Philip's Ch'rh,	Cromp. & P.V.	4 14
Sep. 4.	" " Christ Church,	Westerly,	10 00
1853.			
April 5.	" " St. John's C'h,	Providence,	50 00
" 5.	" " St. Luke's C'h,	E. Greenw'h,	8 47
Jan'y 26.	" " Christ Church,	Westerly,	10 00
April 5.	" " St. John's Ch.,	Providence,	50 00
" 12.	" " St. Mark's C'h,	Warren,	15 00
May 31.	" " St. Peter's C'h,	Johnston,	4 00
" 31.	" " Trinity Church,	Newport,	50 00
June 6.	" " St. Steph's C'h,	Providence,	25 75
" 6.	" " St. James' C'h,	Woonsocket,	12 00
" 13.	" " Grace Church,	Providence,	50 27
" 14.	" " Christ Church,	Lonsdale,	6 00
" 14.	" " St. Luke's C'h,	E. Greenw'h,	4 88
" 14.	" " St. Paul's C'h,	Wickford,	13 00
" 14.	" " St. Matthew's,	Jamestown,	2 00
			$879 83
1853.			
June 14.	By balance of old account brought down,		$877 83

E. & O. E.

W. T. GRINNELL, *Treasurer.*

Dr. Convention Expenses (Diocese of R. I.) in account with E. W. Howard Tr. Cr.

1852.		
June 8,	To balance of old account,	14 92
" "	To cash paid Sexton of Trinity Church, Newport, for attendance on Convention, June, 1852, -	5 00
" "	To paid J. F. Moore, printing Convention Journal on account, - - - - - - - -	20 00
July 26.	To paid Bishop Henshaw, from unappropriated funds of Convention, per order - - -	34 00
" 26.	To paid J. F. Moore an account, - - -	25 00
" 26.	To paid Charles Ackerman per order J. F. Moore expenses on Journal, - - - - -	22 62
Aug. 7.	To paid G. W. Babcock for Convention seal, -	9 00
" 7.	To paid assessment Mut. Ins. Co. - - - -	3 78
1853		
April 3.	To paid J. N. Sherman, Tr., amount voted for Sexton St. Stephen's, Providence, for attendanceon Special Convention, Sept., 1852, -	5 00
June 14.	To paid G. H. Whitney per order J. F. Moore, for Journal, (June, 1852.) - - - - -	12 00
" 14.	To paid J. H. Atkinson for printing 50 copies extracts from Special Convention Journal and Testimonials, - - - - - - - -	5 50
"	To balance to new account, - - - - -	2 06
		$158 88

Examined and found correct.

ROBERT H. IVES,
GEO. S. WARDWELL,
EDWARD WALCOTT,
} *Committee of Audit.*

1852.				
June 8,	By assessment levied June 9, on Trinity Church, Newport, - - - - -			19 00
" 8.	"	"	St. Paul's, Wickford,	3 00
" 8.	"	"	St. Paul's, Pawtucket,	10 00
" 8.	"	"	St. Mark's, Warren,	10 00
" 8.	"	"	St. Luke's, E. Greenwich,	3 00
" 8.	"	"	Zion Ch. Newport,	10 00
" 8.	"	"	S. Michael's, Bristol,	15 00
" 8.	"	"	St. Philip's, Crompton,	1 00
" 8.	"	"	S. Stephen's, Providence,	12 00
" 8.	"	"	Ascension, Wakefield,	1 00
" 8.	"	"	St. James, Woonsocket,	9 00
" 8.	"	"	Christ, Westerly,	9 00
" 8.	"	"	St. Peter's, Johnston,	1 00
" 8.	"	"	St. Thomas, Greenville,	1 00
" 8.	"	"	St. John's, Providence,	22 00
Aug. 7.	"	"	Grace, "	22 00
Sept. 28.	"	"	St. Paul's, Portsmouth,	2 00
" 28.	"	"	Christ, Lonsdale,	5 00
" 28.	"	"	St. Andrew's, Providenee,	1 00
June 14.	"	"	Emanuel, Manville,	2 00
June 14.			Error in ac't J. F. Moore,	88
				$158 88
1853.				
June 14.	By balance to new account, - - - - -			$2 06

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E. W. HOWARD, *Treasurer.*

Dr. *Bishop's Salary (Diocese of R. I.) in account with E. W. Howard, Tr.* *Cr.*

1852.		
July 2.	To cash paid Bishop Henshaw from unappropriated funds of Convention,	34 00
1853.		
June 13.	" paid Bishop Burgess for expenses incurred as Provisional Bishop of this Diocese,	45 43
" 17.	To amt., credited Mrs. Henshaw, at Mechanics Bank, Prov.,	451 57
		$531 00

Examined and found correct.

ROBERT H. IVES, } *Committee of*
EDWARD WALCOTT, } *Audit.*

Providence, June 14, 1853.

1852.				
July 2.	By cash from unappropriated funds of Convention,			34 00
Sept. 6.	Assessment, June, 1852,	Holy Cross,	Middletown,	5 00
Oct. 7.	"	Ascension,	Wakefield,	14 00
" 8.	"	St. Stephen's	Providence,	25 00
Nov. 29.	"	Trinity,	Newport,	51 00
Dec. 14.	"	St. Mark's,	Warren,	33 00
1853.				
Jan. 26.	"	Christ Ch.	Westerly,	28 00
Feb. 11	"	St. Peter's,	Johnston,	3 00
April 6.	"	St. John's,	Providence,	70 00
May 6.	"	Grace,	"	70 00
" 6.	"	St. Paul's,	N. Prov.,	31 00
" 6.	"	St. Luke's	E. Greenwich,	14 00
" 6.	"	St. Paul's,	Portsmouth,	5 00
" 6.	"	St. Matthew's,	Jamestown,	3 00
" 6.	"	Emanuel,	Manville,	5 00
" 6.	"	St. Paul's	Wickford,	16 00
" 6.	"	St. James,	Woonsocket,	28 00
" 6.	"	Christ Ch.,	Lonsdale,	16 00
" 6.	"	Zion Ch.,	Newport,	38 00
" 6.	"	St. Michael's	Bristol,	41 00
" 6.	"	St. Philip's	Crompton,	1 00
				$531 00

E. E. E. W. HOWARD, *Treasurer.*

Dr. *Rhode Island Episcopal Depository in account with Geo. H. Whitney.* *Cr.*

1852.				1852.			
June 7.	Balance from old account,		5 98	June 7.	Stock from old account,		250 03
" 30.	Tracts delivered Bishop,		17	1853.			
Aug. 12.	" " Mr. Hathaway,		67	June 14.	By profits on sales, 25 per ct. on 110.04,		27 51
" 12.	1 Prayer Book,		87				$277 54
Dec. 13.	Books to Rev, Mr. Eames,		4 12				
1853.							
Mar. 19.	Tracts to Mr. Henshaw,		85	June 14.	Balance,		16 03
" 31.	" " "		60	" 14.	Stock from old account,		$226 19
June 6.	Books " Hathaway,		6 52	E. E.	GEORGE H. WHITNEY, *Agent.*		
" 14.	Expenses on 18 packages,		4 50		*per S. W. Brown.*		
" 14.	10 per cent. commission on 110,04		11 04				
" 14.	Stock to new account,		226 19				
" 14.	Balance,		16,03				
			$277,54				

Providence, June 14, 1853.

☞ The Treasurer of Diocese has on hand to Cr. of Depository Board, June 14, 1853. Balance of old account, $73,99; Communion Collection—Trinity Chureh, $9,93; Christ Ch., $1,66; Ascension, $2,71; St. Stephen's, $25,75; St. Thomas, $3,23; St. Paul's, North Providence, $2,25; Grace, Providence, $17,72.—Total, $137,24.—To Cr. of Extens. Miss, Ac. $19,77. To Cr. of Convention, Amt., rec'd of Eastern Dioc., $150. To Cr. of Jubilee Fund, $244,28.

Dr. Missionary Convocation (Diocese of R. I.,) in account with E. W. Howard, Tr. Cr.

1853.				
May 2.	To Paid	Rev. G. W. Chevers to April 1, 1853,		500 00
" 2.	"	T. S. Randolph,	"	15 00
" 2.	"	R. B. Fairbairn,	"	220 05
" 2.	"	W. H. Mills,	"	133 30
" 2.	"	Trinity Church,	"	100 00
" 2.	"	St. Luke's Ch.,	"	50 00
" 2.	"	Ascension Ch.,	"	50 00
" 2.	"	Itinerant Miss.,	"	80 00
" 2.	"	Rev. J. H. Eames rent of hall V. Falls,		31 75
	To balance to new account,			55 83
				$$1235 88

1853.				
May 2.	By balance of old account,			77 38
" 2.	Pledge of St. Stephen's	to	April 1, 1853,	100 00
" 2.	" St. Mark's,		"	100 00
" 2.	Donation "		"	2 25
" 2.	Pledge St. Paul's, Pawtucket,		"	60 00
" 2.	" Christ Ch., Westerly,		"	75 00
" 2.	" St. Paul's, Wickford,		"	50 00
" 2.	" St. Philip's and Phenix Vil.,		"	100 00
" 2.	" St. Paul's, Portsmouth,		"	6 25
" 2.	" St. Peter's, Johnston,		"	12 50
" 2.	" Grace Church,		"	100 00
" 2.	" Trinity,		"	100 00
" 2.	" St, Luke's,		"	50 00
" 2.	" Ascension,		"	50 00
" 2.	" St. John's, Providence,		"	160 00
" 2.	" Emanuel, Manville,		"	17 50
" 2.	" St. Andrew's,		"	70 00
" 2.	" Centredale station,		"	25 00
" 2.	" Itinerant Mission,		"	80 00
				$1,235 88
May 2.	" By balance to new account,		"	$55 83

E. E. E. W. HOWARD, *Treasurer.*

Dr. Funds for Dom. Missions, from Dioc. of R. I., in acct. with E. W. Howard, Tr. Cr.

1852.			
July 20.	To cash forwarded	T. S. Aspinwall, Tr.. N. Y.,	$28 00
Dec. 6.	"	" by Rev. Jno. Kelly,	30 00
" 28.	"	T. N, Stanford, Tr., subject order Ep. Miss. Ass. Phila.	200 00
" 28.	"	T. N. Stanford, Treas.	20 00
1853.			
Jan. 11.	"	F. W. Porter, Agt., S. S. Union,	6 00
" 13.	"	T. N. Stanford, Treas.,	59 35
" 13.	"	J. S. Aspinwall, Treas.,	20 00
" 13.	"	W. T. Grinnell, Treas. Wid. and Orphan Fund,	100 00
Apr. 12.	"	"	15 00
May 30.	"	"	9 00
June 8.	"	"	45 00
" 14.	"	"	19 00
" 22.	"	Ep. Miss. As. Soc.	16 61
" 23.	"	A. Bib. Soc.,	30 00
			$597 96

1853.		
June 9.	*Grace Ch., Prov.* Balance of old account from Tr., of Sund. offer'gs, for D. M. $3; March 4, 1853, Tr., do. do. for D. M. $20. -	$23 00
	St. John's Prov. July 24, 1853, a number for D. M. $25; Dec. 11, 1852, Advent coll. for D. M. $200; January 12, 1853, Morning S. S. $12,92; Colored do. $3.69; April 5, coll. for Widow and Orphans Fnnd, $100; May 26, Ladies Soc. for A. Bib. Soc. $30. - -	371 61
	St. Mark's, Warren. Dec. 5, 1852, $30, April 6, 1853, $5; coll. for Widows and Orphans Fund, $15. - - - - -	50 00
	Christ Ch. Lonsdale. Apr. 5, 1853, $8. -	8 00
	St. Paul's, Pawtucket. Oct. 25, 1852, coll. for A. S. S. Union, $6; April 8, 1853, Miss A. E. Bowers. for D. M. $2,50; May 30, a lady, per Rev. Mr. Taft, $3; little Mary, by do. 50c.	12 00
	St. Paul's, Wickford. Dec. 10, 1853, Adv. coll. for D. M. - - - -	20 00
	St. Peter's, Johnston. Christmas offering, D. M. $6 35; May 3, 1853, coll. for Widow and Orphans Fund, $4. - - -	10 35
	St. Stephen's. Dec. 29, 1853, Advent coll. for D. M. - - - -	53 00
	Trinity, Newport. Coll. for Wid. and Orph. Fund. - - - - -	50 00
		$597 96

E. E. E. W. HOWARD, *Treasurer.*

Providence, June 23, 1853.

Dr. Funds for Foreign Missions (Dioc. R. I.,) in acct., with E. W. Howard, Tr. Cr.

1852				
June 14.	By cash forwarded	J. S. Aspinwall, Tr., N. Y.,	217 00	
" 19.	"	"	33 00	
July 24.	"	"	27 50	
Dec. 6.	"	" by Rev. Jno. Kelly,	30 00	
1853.				
Jan, 13.	"	"	36 60	
Feb. 12.	"	" per Rev. D. Henshaw,	33 00	
April 6.	"	" " " J. Kelly,	10 00	
" 6.	"	"	354 24	
June 16.	"	"	320 00	
			$1,061 34	

1853.		
June 16.	*St. Mark's, Warren,*—June 9, 1852, $2,50; Dec. 6, coll. for F. M. $30; March, 1853, S. S. for Africa, 10; April 6, 1853, $12; Ch., for F. M. $2,50. - - - - -	57 00
	St. John's, Prov.,—June 14, 1852.—Salary Mrs. Hening from Ladies Philanthropic Soc. $250; a member for F. M. $25; Jan. 1, 1853, Morning S. S. for F. M. $12,92; Colored S. S. $3,68; June 24, Epiphany coll. for F. M. of which $50 is specially appropriated to Mrs. Hill of the Greek Mission for general purposes of that Mission, $231,67; March 4, Morning S. S. for China, $60,40; Colored S. S. for Africa, $22,17; Ladies Philanthropic Soc. Jan. 18, 1853, for salary Mrs. Hening, Africa, $250. - - - -	855 84
	Christ Ch. Westerly,—Jan. 26, 1853, child in Africa. - - - - -	20 00
	St. Paul's, Wickford,—Jan. 21, 1853, $21 for Rev. Mr. Rambo's, S. S. Africa, $12.	33 00
	Grace Ch. Prov.,—March 4, 1853, Tr. Sund. offerings, $20; Jan. 4, F. M. $5. - -	25 00
	St. Paul's, N. Prov.,—Jan. 6, 1853, Ed. Eliza Taft, Africa, $20; April 8, Miss A. E. Bowers, for F. M. $2.50. - - - -	22 50
	Trinity Ch. Newport,—for F. M., May 25, 1853,	40 00
	Christ Ch. Lonsdale,—June 14, 1853. - -	8 00
		$1,061 34

E. E. E. W. HOWARD, *Treasurer.*

Providence, June 16, 1853.

Abstract of Parochial Reports, 1853.

PLACES.	CHURCHES.	RECTOR OR MINISTER.	BAPT'MS. Adults.	BAPT'MS. Infants.	BAPT'MS. Total.	COMMC'TS. Added.	COMMC'TS. Died and Removed.	COMMC'TS. Present Number.	Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	S. S. Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.	Sunday Offerings, and Contributions for religious purposes.
Providence,	St. John's,	N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	4	2	6	11	—	—	10	4	3	—	212	$—
"	Grace,		3	16	19	12	—	330	7	2	10	27	200	1,230 47
"	St. Stephen's,	Henry Waterman,	4	22	26	19	15	137	9	11	11	12	80	700 00
"	St. Andrew's,		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bristol,	St. Michael's,	Joseph Trapnell, Jr.,	3	10	13	—	—	285	7	7	14	17	150	615 42
Warren,	St. Mark's,	John Kelly,	2	8	10	11	3	125	6	3	7	18	90	258 29
Portsmouth,	St. Paul's,	Samuel Penny, Jr.,	2	—	2	3	—	23	3	1	—	—	—	—
"	St. Mary's,	D. C. Millett,	1	3	4	1	1	16	1	2	5	7	56	59 93
Middletown,	Holy Cross,	H. Williams,	—	—	—	—	1	8	—	1	—	—	—	—
Newport,	Trinity,	D. R. Brewer,	4	19	23	17	12	230	7	9	13	15	150	1,903 00
"	Zion,	Benjamin Watson,	—	7	7	5	3	154	—	3	10	22	135	—
"	Emanuel,	K. J. Stewart,	3	14	17	30	—	73	15	3	10	22	162	86 00
Westerly,	Christ,	T. H. Vail,	1	6	7	7	6	161	4	—	—	18	90	400 00
Woonsocket,	St. James',	B. P. Talbot,	6	17	23	13	13	113	8	8	23	17	132	243 02
Lonsdale,	Christ,	G. W. Hathaway,	—	11	11	5	9	69	—	10	14	15	120	—
N. Providence,	St. Paul's,	George Taft,	5	23	28	8	4	200	6	20	63	23	180	252 93
N. Kingston,	St. Paul's,		1	3	4	1	—	35	4	—	—	8	40	196 42
Manville,	Emanuel,	E. P. Gray,	—	—	—	—	2	32	—	1	3	—	—	—
E. Greenwich,	St. Luke's,	S. A. Crane,	1	6	7	2	5	61	3	4	9	20	110	174 63
Wakefield,	Ascension,	F. J. Warner,	1	10	11	6	—	50	4	—	5	8	56	46 77
Johnston,	St. Peter's,	W. H. Mills,	2	1	3	8	5	22	8	2	1	5	36	22 35
Crompton,	St. Philip's,	G. W. Chevers,	2	9	11	4	7	20	4	3	12	5	40	—
Phenix,	Station,	" "	—	2	2	2	3	10	—	—	5	4	20	—
Tower Hill,	St. Paul's,	E. F. Watson,	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	2	1	—	—	—
Jamestown,	St Matthew's,	G. Anthony,	—	—	—	—	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	3 50
Itn. Missionary,	—	J. H. Eames,	3	17	20	—	—	25	2	4	9	13	129	—
		[Totals,...	48	206	254	165	89	2201	108	100	228	276	2188	$6,192 73

LIST OF CLERGY

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church,

IN THE

DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND,

JUNE 14, 1853.

Rev. GEO. ANTHONY, (Deacon,)
Officiating in St. Matthew's Ch., Jamestown.

Rev. JOHN BRISTED,
Residing in Bristol.

Rev. LEMUEL BURGE,
Residing in East Greenwich.

Rev. DARIUS R. BREWER,
Minister of Trinity Ch. Newport.

Rev. JAMES H. CARPENTER,
Residing in N. Kingston.

Rev. G. W. CHEVERS, (Dea.,)
Officiating in St. Philip's Ch., Crompton, and at Phenix.

Rev. SILAS A. CRANE,
Rec. of St. Luke's Ch., E. Greenwh.

Rev. N. B. CROCKER, D. D.
Rec. of St. John's Ch., Prov.,

Rev. E. P. GRAY, [Deacon,]
Minister of St. Paul's Church, Portsmouth.

Rev. JAMES H. EAMES,
Missionary at large in the Dioc.

Rev. ROBT. B. FAIRBAIRN.

Rev. GEO. W. HATHAWAY,
Rector of Christ Ch., Lonsdale.

Rev. DANIEL HENSHAW,
Residing in Providence.

Rev. EDWARD L. DROWN,
Residing in Providence.

Rev. JOHN KELLY,
Rec. of S. Mark's, Ch. Warren.

Rev. DANIEL C. MILLETT,
Minister, St. Mary's Ch. Portsm

Rev. WM. HAMMOND MILLS,
Minister of St. Peter's Church, Johnston.

Rev. SAMUEL PENNY, Jr.,
Rector Emanuel Ch., Manville.

Rev. KENSEY J. STEWART,
Rec. of Emanuel Ch., Newport.

Rev. ELI W. STOKES, [Colored,]
Minister of St. Paul's Parish, Monrovia, W. Africa.

Rev. GEORGE TAFT,
Rec. of St. Paul's, Ch., N. Prov.

Rev. BAYLIES P. TALBOT,
Rec. of St. Paul's Ch., Woons'ket.

Rev. PHILIP TOCQUE,

Rev. JOSEPH TRAPNELL, Jr.,
Rec. of St. Michael's Ch., Bristol.

Rev. THOMAS H. VAIL,
Rector of Christ Ch., Westerly.

Rev. FRANCIS J. WARNER,
Rec. of Ascension Ch., Wakefield.

Rev. HENRY WATERMAN,
Rec. of St. Stephen's Ch., Prov.

Rev. BENJAMIN WATSON,
Rector of Zion Ch., Newport.

Rev. ELISHA F. WATSON,
Rec. St. Paul's Ch., Tower Hill.

Rev. HOBART WILLIAMS,
Miss., at Ch. of the Holy Cross, Middletown.

NOTICE.

The next Annual Convention of the Church in Rhode Island will be held in GRACE CHURCH, Providence, on the second Tuesday in June, 1854.

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JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church,

IN THE DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND,

HELD IN GRACE CHURCH, PROVIDENCE,

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

GRACE CHURCH, PROVIDENCE,
June 13*th*, 1854.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Rhode Island, a number of the Clergy and Laity assembled at 10 o'clock, A. M., in Grace Church, Providence.

Morning prayer was conducted by the Rev. Benjamin Watson, assisted in the Lessons by the Rev. B. P. Talbot. The Rev. Dr. Crocker officiated in the Ante-Communion Service. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. D. C. Millett. The Holy Communion was administered to the Clergy by the Rev. Dr. Crocker, and to the Laity by the Rev. Messrs. B. Watson and Talbot.

At the close of Divine Service, the President of the former Convention, the Rev. Mr. Hathaway, took the Chair, and called the Convention to order.

The Committee *on the Rights of Members to Seats* was then appointed by the President, consisting of

Rev. T. H. Vail,	Robert H. Ives,
" Henry Waterman,	Samuel Greene.

The Lay Delegates next presented their Certificates.

On motion, clergymen not entitled to seats in this body, and candidates for orders, who might be present, were invited to honorary seats in the Convention. Of such there were present, the Rev. Messrs. Goodwin, Burroughs and Withington, of Mass., the Rev. Benj. Franklin, of Penn., and the Rev. Mr. Mackie, of New Jersey.

The Convention then adjourned until 4 o'clock.

Tuesday afternoon, 4 o'clock.

The Convention met according to adjournment. The Committee on the Qualifications of Members, reported the following Clergymen as entitled to *a seat and vote*:

*Rev. George Anthony,	Rev. D. C. Millett,
" *John Bristed*,	" W. H. Mills,
" Lemuel Burge,	" K. J. Stewart,
" *D. R. Brewer*,	" George Taft,
" Jas. H. Carpenter,	" B. P. Talbot,
" *G. W. Chevers*,	" Jos. Trapnell, Jr.,
" Silas A. Crane,	" T. H. Vail,
" N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	" F. J. Warner,
" Ed. P. Gray,	" H. Waterman,
" *Jas. H. Eames*,	" Benj. Watson,
" G. W. Hathaway,	" E. F. Watson,
" John Kelly,	" H. Williams.

Also the following as entitled to *a seat but not a vote*:

Rev. Dan. Henshaw, *Rev. Eli W. Stokes*,
Rev. Philip Tocque.

* Those whose names are in italics were not present in Convention.

The following LAY DELEGATES were reported by the Committee as constitutionally entitled to seats in this Convention, representing their several parishes :

PLACES.	CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.
Providence County.		
Providence,	St. John's,	Austin Gurney, C. H. Dabney, R. H. Ives, R. M. Larned.
"	Grace.	Richmond Brownell, E. Walcott, W. T. Grinnell, S. A. Arnold.
"	St. Stephen's.	Resolved Waterman, G. Gurnett William Burrough, Wm. Field.
"	St. Andrew's.	E. Hubbard, E. Franklin, Samuel Crins, Jos. E. Cranston.
N. Providence,	St. Paul's.	Alanson Thayer, T. R. Dix, David Lefavor, D. L. Peck.
Woonsocket,	St. James's.	Geo. S. Wardwell, S. Greene, E. H. Sprague, S. N. Mason.
Manville,	Emanuel.	Daniel Hale, B. C. Hill, W. H. Bebee, W. Waterman.
Greenville,	St. Thomas.	N. B. Sprague, *A. Steere*, *T. Barnes*, W. L. L. Killey.
Lonsdale,	Christ.	B. Bourne, *W. B. Whiting*, Geo. A. Kent, *Jas. Geldard*,
Johnston,	St. Peter's.	E. O. Angell, E. A. Angell, E. M. Winsor, P. F. Brown.
Bristol County.		
Bristol,	St. Michael's.	Geo. Pearce, J. D. Waldron, J. D'Wolf Perry, Benj. Hall.
Warren,	St. Mark's.	C. T. Child, Jas. Gardner, G. G. Hazzard, Geo. Wheaton.
Newport County.		
Newport,	Trinity.	David King, Edward King, Samuel Powell, M. C. Slocum.
"	Zion.	*S. T. Northam*, *W. Rider*, A. Bush, C. H. Mumford.
"	Emanuel.	J. Steele, G. Birkenshaw, T. Millington, P. Armstrong.
Portsmouth,	St. Paul's.	John Burrington, *B. Greene*, *J. Thomas*, G. W. A. Howard.
Jamestown,	St. Matthew's.	*W. A. Weeden, Jr.*, *D. Clark*, *R. H. Watson*, J. Cottrell, Jr.

PLACES.	CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.
Washington County.		
Westerly,	Christ.	Rowse Babcock, Lyndon Taylor, O. D. Wells, W. A. Hoxie.
Wickford,	St. Paul's.	Gid'n Freeborn, A. M. Thomas, Jas. Eldred, S. H. Vaughan.
Wakefield,	Ascension.	A. Robinson, Albert Robinson, G. N. Champlin, W. C. Watson.
Tower Hill,	St. Paul's.	*F. P. Watson, E. Oatley, Jr.*, *D. Caswell*, J. P. Dockray.
Kent County.		
E. Greenwich,	St. Luke's.	J. H. Eldredge, R. Holden, 2d, *D. Greene*, S. S. Whiting.
Crompton,	St. Philip's.	*John Campbell, S. G. Bowen, James Slater, John Yates.*

Whereupon, after some discussion, it was resolved, that those whose rights are undisputed be recognized as members of the Convention.

The Roll of such Clergymen and that of the Lay Delegates were then called.

The Rev. Dr. Crocker was then elected President of the Convention.

The Convention next proceeded to ballot for a Secretary,—which resulted in the re-election of the Rev. Benjamin Watson.

With the consent of the Convention, the Secretary appointed the Rev. Mr. Millett as his assistant.

The Presi ent appointed the following Committees:

Of Finance.	*On Unfinished Business.*
R. H. Ives,	Rev. S. A. Crane,
E. Walcott,	Samuel Powell,
G. S. Wardwell,	George A. Kent.

The Rules of order were then read.

It was moved and seconded that the Rev. Daniel Henshaw be entitled to a seat and vote in this Convention.

A vote by orders being called for, the *yeas* and *nays* were taken as follows:

CLERICAL.

Yea—Rev. Messrs. J. H. Carpenter, E. P. Gray, G. W. Hathaway, John Kelly, D. C. Millett, W. H. Mills, B. P. Talbot, F. J. Warner, H. Waterman, H. Williams—10.

Nay—Rev. Messrs. S. A. Crane, N. B. Crocker, D. D., J. Trapnell, Jr., T. H. Vail, B. Watson, E. F. Watson—6.

Excused from Voting—Rev. K. J. Stewart.

PARISHES VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

Grace, Providence—Messrs. Richmond Brownell, Ed. Walcott, W. T. Grinnell, S. A. Arnold.

St. Stephen's, Prov.—Messrs. Res. Waterman, Gideon Gurnett, W. Burrough, W. Field.

St. Andrew's Prov.—Messrs. Ez. Hubbard, Ed. Franklin, Sam. Crins, J. E. Cranston.

St. Mark's, Warren—Mr. Charles T. Child.

St. Paul's, Portsmouth—Mr. G. A. Howard.

St. James', Woonsocket—Messrs. G. S. Wardwell, Samuel Greene, *No.*, E. H. Sprague.

Christ, Lonsdale—Mr. G. A. Kent.

St. Paul's, Wickford—Mr. Gideon Freeborn.

St. Peter's, Johnston—Messrs. E. M. Winsor, E. A. Angell.

Emanuel, Manville—B. C. Hill, Dan. Hale, W. H. Beebe, W. Waterman.

Ascension, Wakefield—G. N. Champlin, At. Robinson, Al. Robinson, W. C. Watson.

St. Paul's, Tower Hill—Mr. J. P. Dockray—12.

PARISHES VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

St. John's, Prov.—Messrs. Austin Gurney, R. H. Ives, C. H. Dabney, R. M. Larned.

St. Michael's, Bristol—Messrs. George Pearce, Benj. Hall, J. D. Waldron.

Trinity, Newport—Messrs. Samuel Powell, M. C. Slocum.

Zion, Newport—Mr. Augustus Bush.

Emanuel, Newport—Messrs. Thos. Millington, J. Steele, G. Birkenshaw, P. Armstrong.

Christ, Westerly—Messrs. Lyndon Taylor, O. D. Wells.

St. Luke's, E. Greenwich—Mr. S. S. Whiting.

So the Rev. Mr. Henshaw was admitted to vote.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Convention met. Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Hathaway. After Divine Service, the Roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

The Committee on Finance reported that the following bills had been presented to them, which have been approved by the Standing Committee, who recommend payment of the same, viz:

Thos. Burgess's bill of sundry expenses defrayed by him for the Standing Committee, from Sept. 8, 1853, to May 10, 1854, $38,93.

Rev. T. H. Vail's bill of expenses defrayed by him, in relation to the commission of inquiry in regard to Rev. E. F. Watson, presented by complainants for trial, $61,71.

Whereupon, it was voted, that the Treasurer be authorized and requested to pay said bills out of any funds remaining in his hands, arising from assessment for Bishop's salary or otherwise.

The Standing Committee presented the following as their Annual Report:

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Rhode Island, in the discharge of their duty, request liberty to present their Annual Report to the Convention of the Diocese now in session.

After their appointment a special meeting was called and held in Providence on the twentieth day of June, 1853, at which meeting all the members assembled, with the exception of the Rev. Dr. Crocker, who was at that time absent in Europe.

The Committee elected the Rev. George Taft their President, and Thomas Burgess Secretary.

At this meeting the Rev. R. B. Fairbairn presented his request to be dismissed from this Diocese, and to be transferred to the Diocese of New York, which request was granted, and the requisite papers furnished.

At the meeting of the Committee on the 18th of July, information was given that the Right Rev. John Williams, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut, had accepted the invitation of the Convention of this Diocese, and would visit and perform Episcopal service therein, as occasion should require, and as his other engagements would allow.

The testimonials of the Rev. Edward Livingston Drown, the Rev. William Hammond Mills, and the Rev. Edward Powers Gray, candidates for Priest's orders, were read and considered; whereupon the said candidates were severally recommended to the said Assistant Bishop Williams for Priest's orders; this was done at the meeting on the 27th day of June, 1853.

At the meeting on the before named 18th day of July, 1853, the Committee to whom at a previous meeting had been referred certain complaints against the Rev. Elisha F. Watson, now presented the specific charges, and a detailed statement of the proof in support of them, which, after being duly considered by the Committee at several meetings, were, with the specifications, presented to the Right Rev. Bishop Williams, acting Bishop in this Diocese, as before stated, who caused such proceedings to be had as are prescribed in the Canons of the Church, and which proceedings, on trial, eventuated in the acquittal of the Rev. Mr. Watson from the charges set forth in the complaint or presentment.

Eaton W. Maxcy, jun., and Otto Sievers Barten, were, at their request, recommended as candidates for holy orders.

The Rev. Edward L. Drown applied for a letter dismissory from this to the Diocese of Massachusetts, which was granted, and the letter signed by the members present.

The Rev. Alonzo B. Flanders, from the Diocese of New Hampshire, has accepted the office of Rector of St. Paul's Church, in the village of Wickford, in North Kingston.

The Rev. Daniel Henshaw has been called, and has accepted the charge of the Church of St. Andrews, in Providence.

At the meeting of the Committee on the 10th day of April last, the Rev. Mr. Williams, of Portsmouth, was appointed Preacher at the present Convention, and the Rev. Mr. Millett, of Portsmouth, was appointed his substitute in that office.

The Committee cannot fail before closing this, their annual, though brief report, to express their deep regret at the loss sus-

tained by the Church, in the death of the Rev. Samuel Penny, jun., long a valued and devoted member of this Convention, and to sympathize with his friends, the community and the Church, in his sudden and unexpected departure.

Letters dimissory have been received, in favor of the Rev. A. B. Flanders, from New Hampshire, and of the Rev. B. B. Babbitt, from Massachusetts.

THOMAS BURGESS, *Secretary.*

The Special Committee on the Monument to the late Bishop Henshaw, reported as follows :

The undersigned, on behalf of the Committee appointed at the last Convention to take measures to erect a monument to the memory of the late Bishop of this Diocese, begs leave to state, that an appeal was made to each parish for aid to this object, and while some of the parishes responded promptly to the call, a much larger number have, by entire silence, evinced their want of interest in the matter. About one half of the amount thought requisite by the Committee has been pledged by five or six parishes. Until this sum is considerably increased, your Committee will be entirely unable to erect a memorial, in their opinion, at all worthy of the object contemplated by the Convention.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

W. T. GRINNELL.

On motion the Committee were continued.

The Board of Missions presented their Annual Report as follows :

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Missionary Convocation begs leave, agreeably to the requisition of Canon I., to present to the Convention the following Annual Report:

During the past year meetings of the Convocation have been held in the following churches: Trinity, Newport; St. Marks, Warren; Stephen's, Providence; and St. John's, Providence.

The amount of funds placed at the Board's disposal, including the contributions for the Itinerant Mission, has been $1494; the expenditures have been $1415,74; leaving a balance on hand of $78,26.

The Itinerant Mission, and that in the valley of the Pawtuxet, under the Rev. Mr. Chevers, have been entirely sustained by the Convocation, and Emanuel church, Newport, assisted to the amount of $100.

The Rev. Mr. Eames, Itinerant Missionary, obtained leave of absence from his stations, for one year from last October, but there has been no interruption of the services devolving upon him, his place having been supplied thus far by the Rev. Mr. Babbitt, of the Diocese of Massachusetts, who has also been engaged for the remaining portion of the unexpired year.

In our last Report it was mentioned that St. Andrew's Church, Providence, was then closed, and likely to remain closed, unless moved to a more favorable location. It gives us great pleasure to report that this discouraging state of things with regard to that parish, is now remedied. A lot has been purchased, and enough money raised to remove the Church and fix it properly in its new location. The Rev. Daniel Henshaw has been invited to take charge of the parish, and has signified his acceptance of the same, and it is expected the arrangements will be completed so that he can re-open the Church for Divine worship by the middle of the present month.

It is also with unfeigned satisfaction and thankfulness that we record the addition of the Rectors of Christ Church, Lonsdale, Zion Church, Newport, and St. Michael's, Bristol, to the deliberations and counsels and operations of the Convocation, and their pecuniary pledges to its Treasury. We hope it may be our privilege next year to report all the Rectors of parishes within the Diocese as actively engaged with us in this good work.

Another sign of increased zeal and energy is exhibited in a readiness to carry out the wish and interest of the Convocation, that all its members, with the exception of course of Missionaries in its employ, should be actual contributors to its funds, by a tithe of their salary.

Upon the whole, then, we can come before you with cheerful hearts and strengthened hands, much beyond what has been our lot for some years past. And we flatter ourselves that the day is not far distant when the Rhode Island Convocation shall again, and even with better grace, be pointed to as the model of a Diocesan Missionary body.

Respectfully submitted for the Convocation.

JOHN KELLY, *Secretary.*

The Board of Sunday Schools presented the following Report, the Resolutions therein recommended being adopted:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

In submitting their report for the consideration of the Convention, the Board of Sunday Schools would express their regret that so little attention has been given to a recommendation contained in a resolution passed at the last annual Convention of the Diocese, to the effect that each Rector or Missionary would furnish, to the Chairman of the Board of Sunday Schools, a statement of the condition of the Sunday School in connection with his parish or station, so that from these statements there might be furnished to the Convention and to the Diocese, an exhibition of the Sunday School system of our Churches, its toils and its triumphs, as it is now in actual operation among us. The only communication which I have received, which is from our devoted and laborious Missionary in the valley of the Pawtuxet, exhibits a decided increase both of scholars and teachers at his respective stations, and is a very favorable indication of his fidelity and zeal. The Library of his schools, he informs us, "needs replenishing," and he is sadly in want of Bibles, Testaments, Prayer and Instruction books. We trust that this intimation of his wants may be remembered, and that those who have the ability to respond will see that they are promptly and liberally supplied. In the absence of such information as they had hoped to have received, your Committee have turned their attention to the reports of the various parishes, as they appear upon the journal of the last Annual Convention of the Diocese, consequently what they are now able to present, with the information before them, is rather an aggregate view of our Sunday Schools as they *were* twelve months ago, than as they actually *are* at the present time. From these statistics it appears that there are, in the several parishes of the Diocese, about 280 teachers engaged in the interesting and vastly important duty of training the susceptible minds of the lambs of our flocks, and training them, we trust, for usefulness here and for glory hereafter ; whilst there are brought under the benefit of this heavenly influence near 2200 children.

Without inquiring whether our corps of Teachers is as large as it should be, or whether the number of scholars who attend upon their instructions might not, and should not, be much increased, your Board would express their gratitude to Almighty God that he has put it into the hearts of so many to engage in this blessed work, and that so many of the young of our flock are thus being made familiar with the touching story of the cross, and are instructed, as we hope, in the simple truths of the everlasting gospel. And in order to awaken our communion to a sense of the great, nay, the *essential* importance of the Sunday

School system, and the peculiar necessity of plying it with all diligence and efficiency, in this our age and country, your Committee would presume to present, in this place, a few considerations which they trust and believe will be felt and appreciated by all. While the wide and general diffusion of knowledge, and the great facilities afforded for acquiring it in our land, is a just cause of national thankfulness and glory, and whilst we may, and do, point to our educational systems with laudable pride, as, without money and without price, they scatter, broadcast, the seeds of sound learning, seeds too, which must ere long spring up and bear an abundant harvest—still we cannot contemplate even our common schools, those seminaries of free, liberal education, nor the effects of mental training and intellectual growth which they necessarily must foster and promote, with *unmingled* satisfaction—the thought will sometimes present itself to the mind, that we may be, with the best intentions on our part, nourishing an intellectual giant, who, when his proportions shall become fully developed, and his muscles shall have hardened into maturity, may turn upon us in his accumulated might, and spurn from him at once the restraints of law and order, of morality and religion; and the ground of this fear is, that in the present divided state of religious sentiment, in reference rather to the circumstantials than the essentials of Christianity, it is, nevertheless, found impracticable to introduce into our Common School establishment, anything like a *system* of religious cultivation. The intellectual, literary and scientific qualifications of the teacher are carefully ascertained, and incompetency in these particulars would not, for a moment, be tolerated, but a decent external morality is quite as much as is insisted upon on the score of godliness, on the part of those to whom is committed the training and education of our youth; and even should the teacher, as a man of earnest piety, attempt the religious as well as intellectual culture of his charge, it would contribute rather to his censure than to his praise, and he would, by some, it may be by most, be thought to transcend his commission, and would, probably be informed that his business was to teach the sciences, not religion; to educate the head, not the heart; to train the mortal man for the employments of the world, and not to prepare the immortal soul for the enjoyments of heaven. So that, of necessity, though the reading of the Holy Scriptures may be *tolerated* in our public schools, still *religion*, distinctively, can have no place there; it must be a *prohibited subject*. Yes, that knowledge which is heavenly, and which prepares for heaven, that science which is divine and which maketh wise unto salvation, is, in the public education of our youth, even in this enlightened protestant land, a prohibited sub-

ject; it is, virtually, under the ban of proscription. Now what may we expect to follow from a system of education which is thus unsanctioned by a distinctive religious element? We may have general intelligence, we may have a nation of readers, and of thinkers, and of writers, aye, and of actors too, but alas! we may not be the better but the worse for all their reading, their thoughts, their writings and their acts. We may train, by such a system, cunning knaves, skillful counterfeiters, adroit burglars, and scientific pickpockets and law-breakers; and the result of our very educational establishment may be to render it necessary that our laws be made more stringent, our police more energetic and vigilant, and our assizes more sacred to justice, whilst our executive authority may find itself constrained to stifle the promptings of a generous clemency, and observe a more inflexible rule in administering the rigors of the law. All this may be necessary to control the spirit which our educational system, divorced from religion, has evoked, and to chain the giant which it has brought forth and matured.

Your Committee, in what they have now said, would not be understood to depreciate the advantages of general education, or to express a desire to restrict, in the least, its wide-spread influences; but what they would be understood to desire and pray for is, that "pure religion and undefiled" might be taught to the pupils in our common schools, and by the same lips, too, which are so assiduous in communicating to them the principles of mere secular learning. But as, under existing circumstances, it seems this cannot be, your Committee rejoice that the case is not altogether without remedy; they find, or think they find, in the *Sunday School*, the very instrumentality which the present emergeney needs; in it they recognize the *Evangelist* of the common schools, and by this agency may be supplied the very element which in the other, viz: the common schools, is confessedly wanting. From the Sunday School may go out those great conservative principles, the principles of a pure *Evangelical religion*, which shall control, and direct, and sanctify literary and scientific attainment, and constitute our people, in their future generations, conspicuous for their *religious culture*, as well as for their *intellectual might.*

Viewed in this light, your Committee cannot but commend the subject of Sunday schools, and careful, judicious Sunday school instruction, to the serious and prayerful attention of the Convention and of the Diocese, as affording a field of labor in which Christian men and women are loudly called upon to toil, not only for the sake of Christ, and for the cause of religion and the soul, but also for the sake of our Free Institutions, and the general political well being of our common country. In-

deed it seems to us that here is presented a noble sphere, and as extensive as it is noble, in which the zeal and energy of our cultivated and experienced laity may be legitimately and successfully employed. Nor should the duties of Sunday School instruction be confined, as is too often the case, to the inexperienced and the young, but whilst the co-operation of such should undoubtedly be sought after and encouraged, yet our wisest heads and most experienced minds should not fail to be engaged in this eminently important work, to give character and direction to the whole undertaking. If the minds of infancy and and early youth be more plastic than that of maturity, and if impressions earliest received are the most indelibly traced, and, consequently, those which are the longest retained, and even in the decrepitude of age are found to be the most clearly and distinctly recognized, then, surely, the most mature experience, and the most thorough attainments of Christian knowledge are those which should be employed, *and which should delight to be employed*, in instructing the youngest minds, and developing their latent but wonderful powers, and in making those impressions which are to be lasting as life, and which, in the providence of God, may have much to do in forming the character of the soul, and shaping its destiny for eternity.

Without dwelling longer upon a subject which, in itself, is full of interest, and which is fertile of important suggestions, your Committee would conclude their report by offering, for the consideration of the Convention, the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That in the numbers who are engaged as Teachers, and who are brought under instruction as scholars, in the various Sunday Schools of our Diocese, we have causes of thankfulness; and that in past successes and present encouragements, we discover motives for increased efforts for the time to come.

Resolved, That in the Sunday Schools we recognize the Evangelist of the Common Schools; the great principles of religious conservatism, *apart* from which general education is rife with peril, but *associated* with which it will be sanctified for good, and do much to secure to our beloved country, throughout future generations, "peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety."

Resolved, That the Sunday School enterprise presents a wide and legitimate field for lay influence and labor, and that to give to this institution its highest efficiency, Christian men and women of mature age and large experience should engage in the work, and, by their countenance and co-operation, encourage and give direction to the energies of the young, and make it an object really desired, for parents generally, to have their

children in our Sunday schools, instructed and trained. All which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH TRAPNELL,
DANIEL HENSHAW, } *Committee.*
C. H. DABNEY.

The Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes reported as follows:

The Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes beg leave respectfully to report, that they have this day voted to sell the lot of land upon which St. Andrew's Church has been standing. Leave to remove said Church was granted more than twelve months since by the Trustees, but a suitable lot was not obtained until within a short time. A much more convenient and desirable location is now in process of preparation for the building, and it is hoped that the flattering prospects under which this enterprise is undertaken may be fully realized.

Respectfully submitted.

W. T. GRINNELL,
For the Trustees.

Providence, June 14, 1854.

On Motion, the Rules of Order were suspended for the purpose of allowing a proposed alteration in the Canon relating to the Board for the relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, to be brought before the Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the above Canon and By-law on the same subject be referred to a committee. The following were appointed as that Committee.

Messrs. G. S. Wardwell, W. T. Grinnell, S. A. Arnold.

The following PAROCHIAL REPORTS were then handed in:

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Since the last Report from this Church, (not including that made by the Rev. Mr. Henshaw, in the absence of its Rector,) there have been 25 Baptisms; 15 Marriages; Admitted to Communion, 10; Buried, 20; Whole number of Communicants, about 300; Sunday School overflowing; a new building is to be put up for the children, at a cost of $7000.

N. B. CROCKER, *Rector.*

GRACE CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms—Adults, 5; Infants, 12; total, 17. Communicants, 330. Burials, 18. Sunday School—Teachers, 28; Scholars, 200.

Sunday offerings, $827,26; Communion alms, 183,74; other contributions, 202,04; total, $1213,04. The Rectorship vacant.

HENRY BURROUGHS, Jr., officiating temporarily.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms—Adults, 1; Infants, 9; total 10. Marriages, 9; Burials, 19. Communicants—Added, 14; Died or removed, 11. Present number, 140. The Sunday School contains about 100 pupils, under the care of 15 Teachers.

The Missionary and other charitable offerings of the Parish have been about $800, of which sum, *one hundred and seventy-five* dollars constituted our Easter Communion Alms, for Diocesan Missions.

HENRY WATERMAN, Rector.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

This Church, after having been closed more than a year, will probably be opened for Divine Service within a few weeks. By means of the disinterested and persevering labors of the Rev. Wm. H. Mills—aided by a few laymen—a sufficient amount was raised to purchase an eligible lot, on Friendship street, and to remove the Church from the old location.

An indisposition having been manifested to sustain St. Andrew's any longer as a Mission Church, it appeared to be necessary either to abandon it altogether or else to put it in some other part of the city.

It is now thought that in a short time St. A.'s will be numbered among the *strong* churches of the Diocese. May God's blessing accompany our efforts to advance His cause!

The undersigned accepted a unanimous invitation to the Rectorship about the 1st of May.

D. HENSHAW, Rector.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NORTH PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms—Infants, 18. Communicants—died, 1; removed, 3; added, 4; whole number, about 200. Sunday School—Superintendent, 1; Teachers, 24; Scholars, 180; average

attendance, 140; Library, 600 vols.. Marriages 34. Burials, 43. Sunday Offerings, $151,91. Missions—African, $26; Diocesan, $60; Church in Indiana, $12; For the relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, &c., $11,69; American Sunday School Union, $8. Several candidates for Confirmation. No considerable change has taken place in the condition of this Church, during the past year.

GEORGE TAFT, *Rector.*

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, WOONSOCKET.

Baptisms—Adults, 3; Infants, 23; total 26. Communicants added, 10; died and removed, 2; present number, 121. Marriages, 16; Burials, 36; Sunday School—Teachers, 19; Scholars, 152.

Missions, Foreign and Domestic, $151,43; Widows and Orphans of Clergy, $19,27. Sewing Circle, for Parochial objects, $50,00; other Contributions for charitable purposes, $59,88; total. $270,58.

Our Sunday School, was never, perhaps, in a better condition than at present. The Library has been increased, the attendance is good, the scholars are improving, and the band of faithful and self-denying teachers are using zealous efforts to train them up for Christ in His Church. There are now in the school several interesting classes of Germans, some of whom have been brought up in rowdyism, but they all seem to be much interested in Scriptural and Catechetical instruction, and have made commendahle progress.

It has been gratifying to see rather more than usual religious interest manifested in the parish during the past year, and the benign influence of Divine grace, causing some to become indeed "new creatures in Christ Jesus." Could we have had an Episcopal visitation, a goodly number would have been presented for confirmation.

Many among us appear to be thirsting for a knowledge of the Scriptures, and for the want of a convenient room in which to hold evening services, small private rooms have been occupied, where only a very limited number could be accommodated.

The undersigned has held frequent services at Waterford, and at places in Smithfield and Cumberland, about three miles from the village, besides a regular service once a fortnight in the Chapel at Hamlet. May the divine blessing attend "the good seed" which hath been "sowed beside all waters."

BAYLIES P. TALBOT, *Rector.*

EMANUEL CHURCH, MANVILLE.

Baptisms—Adults, 9; Infants, 7; total, 16. Communicants —added, 13; died, 1; removed, 6; one renounced her Baptism and was immersed. Present number, 37; Burials, 3. Sunday School—Teachers, 7; Scholars, 70. Communion Alms, $23; Domestic Missions, $10; Nashotah, $4; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, 12; total, $49.

There are now 13 candidates for Confirmation. Several of them have removed from the village, but hope to return whenever this Church shall be favored with an Episcopal visitation.

The undersigned has officiated in Emanuel Church, with the exception of between two and three months, almost uninterruptedly, since the sad disaster which took from this world that faithful servant of Christ, the Rev. Samuel Penny. It is with heartfelt gratitude that he recognizes the goodness of God in placing him, for a time, in the field where our dear departed brother labored for so many years.

May all those who knew and loved him who has gone from us, have grace to profit by the good example which was set before us!

DANIEL HENSHAW.

CHRIST CHURCH, LONSDALE.

The undersigned is happy to report this Church as united and prosperous. A larger number of pews are rented than ever before, and the congregations are larger. A new organ, spoken of in our last annual report, as contracted for, has been completed, put up, and paid for. It was built by George Stevens, Esq., of East Cambridge, Mass., has *twenty-four* register and *two* banks of keys, and is pronounced, by competent judges, an excellent instrument. It cost *one thousand dollars.*

Baptisms—Adults, 2; infants, 14; Total, 16. Burials, 14. Marriages, 16. Communicants, added, 14; Died, 2; Removed, 5; present number, 76. Sunday School—Teachers, 14; Scholars, 120; total, 134. Contributions—Foreign Missions, $34; Domestic, $15; State, $45; Communion Alms, $34,06; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, $10,14; For Organ, $700; For Sunday School, $45.

GEORGE W. HATHAWAY.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, JOHNSTON.

Baptisms—Adults, 2; Infants, 5; total, 7. Communicants —added, 7; died and removed, 4; present number, 25. Sun-

day School—Teachers, 7; Scholars, 43. Burials, 3. Contributions—Domestic Missions, $5; Foreign, $5; Widows and Orphans of Clergy, $5; Communion Alms, $10,93; total, $25,93.

Several persons are "ready and desirous to be confirmed." Besides the regular services at St. Peter's, a third service has been commenced at Dry Brook. During Lent I officiated twice a week in Grace Church Chapel, Providence. The offerings made for those services, amounting to $75,00, were appropriated to the Nashotah Mission.

WILLIAM H. MILLS, *Rector.*

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BRISTOL.

Baptisms—Adults, 1; Infants, 14; total, 15. Communicants—died and removed, 7; present number, about 260. Marriages, 6; Burials, 20. Sunday School—Scholars, 100; Teachers, 22; Infant S. School, 30; Teachers, 2; total, Scholars, 30; Teachers, 24. Collections in the congregation, including the Communion Alms, $525,22; appropriated by Ladies' Benevolent Association, $200; total, $725,22. Distributed in Alms, $130,50; Foreign Missions, $52; Domestic, $137; Sunday Schools of the parish, $30; Set of Books for Desk, $42; Evangelical Knowledge Society, $25; Am. S. S. Union, $25; Am. Tract Society, $25; Bristol M. Bible Society, $15,50; Widows' and Orphans' Society, $25; other objects, $218,22; total, $725,22.

JOSEPH TRAPNELL, JR., *Rector.*

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, WARREN.

Baptisms—Adults, 3; Infants 4; total 7. Communicants—added, 5; died and removed, 0; present number, 130. Sunday School—Teachers. 19; Scholars; 96; total, 115. Marriages, 6. Burials, 7 Charitable contributions—Foreign Missions, $68; Domestic Missions, $32; Diocesan Missions, $105; Widows' and Orphans' Society, $18; For Church in Indiana, $30; total, $253,00.

JNO. KELLY, *Rector.*

TRINITY CHURCH, NEWPORT.

Baptisms—Adults, 4; Infants, 11; total, 15. Communicants—Added, 12; died and removed, 12; present number, 230. Marriages, 5. Burials, 20. Sunday School—Teachers,

15; Scholars, 150. Offerings—For Emanuel Church, Newport, $576,14; Domestic Missions, $45; Foreign Missions, $30; Widows and Orphans' Fund, $27,89; other objects, $390,32; total, $1,069,35.

The undersigned desires also to place on record the generous kindness of his parishioners, in furnishing him with ample means for a six months' tour in Europe, for the benefit of his health. May God reward them with all the blessings of His Providence and Grace.

D. R. Brewer, *Rector.*

EMANUEL CHURCH, NEWPORT.

Baptisms—Adults, 3; Infants, 17; total, 20. Communicants—added 17; died and removed, 3; present number, 87. Sunday School—Teachers, 20; Scholars, 150; total 170. Marriages, 5. Burials, 5. Offerings, collections, &c. $193,88.

The members of this congregation have formed a church league, subscribing the amount of their income, wages, or such sums as they are willing to be assessed, as high as 3 per cent. (if needed) in order to meet whatever expenses may be deemed necessary in the furtherance of the Gospel. The amount subscribed, up to the present date, is $8,000 per annum, which we expect to increase to $10,000; and there is an assessment made thereon during the next three months of the maximum amount agreed on, i. e. 3 per cent. The amount thus raised will be $240 per annum. We expect to increase it to $300. This amount, added to the usual collections which are taken up every Sunday, will realize not less than $——— as the result of the self-denying labours of a people, not one of whom owns property worth $2,000, and the majority of whom have house rent to pay, and families to support, on less than $300 per annum.

K. J. Stewart, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH.

Baptisms—Infants, 2. There is one recent candidate for baptism whom providential circumstances seem to have prevented at present from receiving that sacrament. Communicants—died, 1; present number, 23; of whom two reside in Tiverton, and two others are non-resident. Sunday School—Teacher, 1; Scholars, 14. I have myself superintended and catechised the principal class with the aid of Beaven's Help. Burials, 3, of which one was in Tiverton. Offerings—Foreign Missions, $6,37; Domestic, $6,69; Diocesan, $4,00; Convo-

cation pledge, $6,65; Fund for Orphans and Widows of deceased Clergymen, &c. $3,69; for Bishop's Monument, by private subscriptions of communicants, $5,00; for Sunday School and miscellaneous purposes, $4,37; from the Sunday School, $1,06; total, $37,83.

I succeeded the late Rev. Mr. Penny in the charge of this parish on the first Sunday in July last. The great obstacles to the prosperity of this parish are the lack of a truly liberal spirit on the part of its managers, and an inadequate esteem of the value and obligation of Christian ordinances among the people generally. There are from 35 to 40 families represented in the congregation, and there is no lack of means for the liberal support of the gospel. The Church is now closed for repairs and the addition of chancel and vestry. My connection with the parish is now brought to a close.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH,

Baptisms—Adults, 1; Children, 3; total, 4. Burials, 4. Marriages, 5. Communicants,—added, 1; whole number, 17. Sundy School—Teachers, 7; Scholars, 56. Offerings appropriated as follows: for Seats, $21,00; Missions and other objects, $25,00; total, $46,00.

D. C. MILLETT, *Minister.*

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY CROSS.

Baptisms—adult, 1. Communicants, 8. Marriages, 1. Offerings—At the Communion, $23,38; Contributions to Diocesan objects, $32,20.

H. WILLIAMS, *Missionary.*

S. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, JAMESTOWN.

Communicants, present number, 12. Burials, 2. Contributions—Widows' and Orphans' Fund, $2; towards erecting a Monument to the memory of the late Bishop of this Diocese, $5; other objects, $2,50; total, $9,50.

GEORGE ANTHONY. *Deacon.*

CHRIST CHURCH, WESTERLY.

Baptisms—Infants, 13. Communicants—added, 7; died and removed, 5; present number, 162. Sunday School—Teachers,

18; Scholars, 90. Marriages, (for two years) 13. Burials (for two years) 21. Sunday Offerings and other charitable contributions,—Missions, $300; other donations, $150; total, $450.

In addition to the foregoing items it may be added, that the Church and Parsonage have been painted and repaired, at an expense of between $400, and $500. In a community like this, where striking changes do not occur, and improvement is gradual, we are thankful for that measure of continued prosperity and quiet progress with which God has favored us. In one particular we are under peculiar obligation of gratitude, inasmuch as for years past, while several of our sister parishes have been sorely visited by Providential bereavement, God has but gently chastened us through death, only occasionally admonishing us of our frailty, and sparing us with a distinguishing compassion. May we improve the mercy, and "redeem the time."

THOMAS H. VAIL, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WICKFORD.

I took charge of this Church May 28, 1854. The parish for the last year has been under the temporary charge of the Rev. Mr. Carpenter, who, with much kindness on his part, and with general satisfaction to the people, has ministered to their necessities. The parochial report, as near as I can determine, is as follows:

Baptisms—Adults, 1. Burials, 1. Communicants—Died, 1; present number, 56. In the Sunday School there are 8 Teachers, and nearly 60 Scholars. Amount of Offerings raised, $167,33, which have been appropriated as follows: Widows' and Orphans' Fund, $13; Foreign Missions, $38,10; six dollars of which were contributed by the Sunday School; for contingent expenses, $101,37; Communion Alms, $14,86.

ALONZO B. FLANDERS, *Rector.*

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, WAKEFIELD.

Baptisms—Adults, 1. Communicants added, 3; died or removed, 7; present number, 40. Sunday School—Teachers 8; Scholars, 55. Marriages, 2. Burials, 7. Sunday offerings, &c., $72,41.

F. J. WARNER, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, TOWER HILL.

During the past year services have been holden in this Church on alternate Sundays. We have no means of warming the Church, and when it had become improper to hold the services in it on account of the inclemency of the weather, the school house was kindly provided for us, and warmed at the expense of Benj. Hull, Esq. The charities of the friends of the Church have been absorbed in meeting the incidental expenses of the Church, and of others that were not *necessary*. The number of the Communicants remains the same. I have preached in St. Matthew's Church, Jamestown, several times, and administered the Communion.

ELISHA F. WATSON, *Rector.*

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, EAST GREENWICH.

Baptisms—Adults, 1; Infants, 7; total 8. Communicants—added, 7; died, 4; removed, 1; present number, 63. Marriage, 1. Burials—Adults, 12; Infants, 1. Sunday School—Teachers, 12; Scholars, about 80. Sunday Offerings, $172. General Diocesan Mission $12,50. Fund for the Widows and Orphans of Clergymen, $7,55. Collections for Sunday School, $20; total, $212,05.

This Church comes into Convention with its ranks sadly thinned. Within less than thirteen months it has lost by death two senior wardens, one junior warden, and three other Communicants, besides several not Communicants. In the same period it has also lost several members and families by removal. Still we trust that God's presence and blessing are with us; and that our losses will soon be more than made good, and the general strength and prosperity of the parish be found constantly increasing.

S. A. CRANE, *Rector.*

ST. PHILIP'S CHUCH, CROMPTON.

Baptisms—Adults, 1; Infants, 3; total, 4. Communicants—added, 1; died and removed, 2; present number, 21. Sunday School—Teachers, 7; Scholars, 55. Marriages, 3. Burials, 17.

STATION AT PHENIX AND FISKVILLE.

Baptisms—Infants 8. Communicants—added, 4; died and removed, 1; present number 13. Burials, 1. Sunday School Teachers, 6; Scholars, 50.

The services at this time are better attended than at any former period. G. W. Chevers, Deacon.

ZION CHURCH, NEWPORT.

Baptisms—Infants, 3; Adults, 4; total, 7. Communicants—added, 10; died and removed, 4; present number, 160. Sunday School—Teachers, 17; Scholars, 135; Marriages, 4; Burials, 11. Benjamin Watson, *Rector.*

GENERAL MISSIONARY REPORT.

Baptisms—Infants, 8. Communicants—added, 13; died and removed, 4; present number, 35. Sunday School—Scholars, 90; Teachers, 10. Burials, 6. Communion Alms, $29,50.

In this report, the acting Missionary cannot be exact, since he has not access to all the papers of the Rev. Mr. Eames. He reports only what he is certain of.

There will be noticed quite a falling off in the Sunday Schools. This arises from the abandonment of the station at Mapleville. The school at Centerdale, (which station now takes the place of Mapleville) is not as yet fully organized, so that the number of scholars, at that station does not as yet quite equal the number reported last year at Mapleville.

Another Sunday School is in the process of formation at Stillwater, three miles above Georgiaville. Also, at the Valley Church, just on the borders of the city, where we have been holding services, in a Congregational meeting house, we shall be enabled to gather in a school of over seventy scholars.

In the work of opening this latter station, I have been greatly assisted by the Rev. D. L. B. Goodwin, who has officiated for the past four Sundays, to increasing congregations, in the morning, administered baptism once, and attended one funeral.

The work, at all the stations, promises well. It suffers only because there is a lack of workmen. The fields are white for the harvest. The cry comes up now from at least four several points where nothing has been done by any other denomination, "come over, and help us."

Interest increases, and we hope for a spiritual harvest the coming year. We need, however, more laborers, more books for distribution, and more prayers. Will the Church grant to her missionary these needed means.

Benj. B. Babbitt.

The regular Annual Elections were then had.

Ezra W. Howard, Esq., was re-elected *Treasurer* of the Convention.

Mr. C. H. Dabney, a delegate from St. John's, Prov., was excused from further attendance on the Convention, Mr. W. T. Dorrance, a substitute, being recived in his place.

The Convention proceeded to ballot for a Standing Committee for the ensuing year. The following Clerical Landay persons were elected :

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	G. S. Wardwell,
" George Taft,	Resolved Waterman,
" G. W. Hathaway,	Thomas Burgess,
" T. H. Vail,	E. Walcott.

The Finance Committee presented their Report, which was accepted—the usual Resolutions appended being adopted. (See Appendix.)

The Treasurer being necessarily absent, Mr. Russell M. Larned was chosen Treasurer *pro tem.*

The following Boards were elected :

Board of Education.

Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	E. W. Howard,
" Hobart Williams,	G. S. Wardwell.

Board of Sunday Schools.

Rev. Joseph Trapnell, Jr.,	E. W. Howard,
" Daniel Henshaw,	C. H. Dabney.

The Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes.

Robert H. Ives,	Amasa Manton,
Alexander Duncan,	W. T. Grinnell.

Board of Fund for the Relief of Widows and Orphans.

Alexander Duncan,	Resolved Waterman,
William T. Grinnell,	Edward Walcott.

Depository Board.

Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D. E. W. Howard,
" H. Waterman, E. Walcott.

The Treasurer's Report was then read, as audited by the Finance Committee. (See Appendix.)

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Secretary be directed to have the form of a Certificate of Lay Delegates, and of a Parochial Report, printed in the Journal of this Convention.

The following amendment to the *Tenth* Article of the Constitution was approved of, and laid over to the next Convention: In the Sixth line, in the place of the words *Two thirds*, read, *a majority of the Committee, the whole having been duly cited to meet.*

On motion, the election of a Bishop was made the order of the day for 3 o'clock.

On motion, adjourned till 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Half past 2 o'clock.

Convention met according to adjournment.

On motion, a committee was appointed to prepare suitable resolutions in reference to the death of the Rev. Samuel Penny, namely:

The Rev. Messrs. Hathaway, Waterman and Babbitt.

On motion, it was ordered, that the Treasurer of the Board for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, pay over to the family of the late Bishop Henshaw the sums paid by him into the Annuity Fund, together with interest thereon.

The order of the day having arrived, it was determined to proceed to the election of a Bishop.

After an interval of silent prayer, the Clergy retired from the Laity; and, on their return, announced through the Secretary, that they had made choice of the Rev. Nathan B. Crocker, D. D. Whereupon the Laity retired; and, on their return, announced through their Chairman, Mr. G. S. Wardwell, that they had not confirmed the nomination.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday, June 15, 10 *o'clock, A. M.*

Convention met according to adjournment. Morning prayer was read by the Rev. D. C. Millett. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Messrs. Rouse Babcock, Samuel Powell, and J. R. Dix were excused from farther attendance on the Convention.

Mr. John P. Campbell was received in the place of Mr. Babcock, and Mr. Moses Norman in the place of Mr. Powell.

The Committee appointed for the purpose, offered the following Resolutions on the death of the Rev. Mr. Penny, which were adopted:

Whereas, since the last annual meeting of this body, a mysterious Providence having called our beloved brother, the Rev. Samuel Penny, from probation to Paradise, therefore,

Resolved, that the members of this Convention desire to express and put on record their sense of the sore bereavement which has fallen upon this diocese, and upon the Parish in which that brother served. His Christian character was so remarkably blameless and attractive—he loved and lived the Gospel so well,—the preaching of his example was so uniformly and sweetly consistent with the preaching of his lips, that his removal from the Church militant, is regarded by us as a heavy calamity, and, at the same time, an admonition to be instant in season, and out of season, and to cultivate a spirit of watchfulness, and a habit of preparation for the coming of the Son of man, remembering that he may come in an hour that we think not.

Resolved, that the members of the Convention would also recall, with mournful gratitude, the fact, that the blessing of our departed brother's superior gifts, of his acceptable ministrations, and of his fervent prayers was vouchsafed, so deeply and so long, to that portion of the vineyard in which we abide.

Resolved further, that they would record the tender sympathy with which our hearts have gone forth to those more smitten ones, whom the late catastrophe has deprived of an affectionate and beloved brother, according to the flesh, assuring them of our prayers, in their behalf to the God of consolation, who inflicts no wound which his grace cannot sanctify and heal.

Resolved, That the Secretary be, and is hereby directed to forward copies of these resolutions to the relatives of our deceased brother.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. HATHAWAY,
BENJ. B. BABBITT,
HENRY WATERMAN,
} *Committee.*

On motion, Canon VIth, (numbered Vth) was repealed, and the following passed in its place:

CANON VI.

Of the Board for the relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, and also of superannuated and infirm Clergymen.

1. At every annual Convention there shall be elected a Board for the relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, and also of superannuated and infirm Clergymen; which Board shall consist of four Laymen, who shall be communicants of the Church, together with the Bishop of the Diocese, who shall be, ex officio, Chairman. In case of the vacancy of the episcopate, the President of the Standing Committee shall be, ex officio, a member and Chairman of the Board.

2. The funds received by this Board shall consist of collections in Churches, and of donations or legacies specially designated for the purposes of this canon; and it is hereby made the duty of each clergyman having charge of a Parish, and of the Wardens in every vacant Parish, to take up an annual collection for this fund. All moneys contributed as above specified,

shall be invested by the Board in such securities as, in their judgment, will be safe and productive; and such investments shall be made in the name of the Board as Trustees.

3. The appropriations from this fund shall be made by the Board in such manner, and in such sums, as they may deem expedient: *Provided*, That no appropriation shall be made to the family of a deceased clergyman who was not, at the time of his decease, canonically resident in this Diocese, nor to any superannuated or infirm clergyman who did not continue in the exercise of his sacred duties until providentially disabled.

4. At every annual Convention the Board shall present to that body a report of their receipts, investments, and appropriations, for the year preceding.

5. The Board shall have power to appoint such officers and sub-committees, and to enact such By-laws as they may deem necessary for the more convenient and effective discharge of the duties required by this Canon.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee is hereby instructed to invite the Rt. Rev. John Williams, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut, to perform Episcopal Services in this Diocese until the next meeting of this Convention.

The following Resolution was passed, and the amendment to the Constitution proposed in it *approved of:*

Resolved, That it is hereby proposed to alter the XIIth Article of the Constitution of this Diocese so as to make it read in the following words: Whenever a Bishop is to be elected for this Diocese, it shall be in an annual or special Convention, in the following manner: The two orders shall vote separately, and by ballot, for some duly qualified Presbyter of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States to be their Bishop; and they shall vote at the same time, each order selecting its own candidates. A majority of the votes in each order shall determine the choice in that order, and a concurrence of the two orders thus voting shall constitute an election.

Ordered, That 500 copies of the Journal of this Convention be printed, and distributed under the direction of the officers of the Convention.

Ordered, that $8,00 be paid to the Sexton of Grace Church, for his services in attendance on the Convention.

Ordered, That the next annual Convention be held in St. John's Church, Providence.

Ordered, That the Constitution, Canons, and Rules of Order be published with the Journal of this Convention.

Voted, That the thanks of the Convention are due to the Rev. Dr. Crocker for his able services in presiding over this body.

The minutes of the entire proceedings of the session were then read by the Secretary.

After the usual devotional exercises, conducted by the Rev. President, the Convention adjourned.

NATHAN B. CROCKER, *President.*

BENJAMIN WATSON, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON CURRENT EXPENSES.

The Committee on Finance report that the sum required to pay the estimated expenses of this Convention, is one hundred and fifty dollars, which has been apportioned as follows, viz:

St. John's Church,	Providence,	$20 00
Grace "	"	20 00
St. Stephen's "	"	11 00
Trinity, "	Newport,	17 00
Zion "	"	9 00
St. Paul's "	North Providence,	9 00
St. Michael's "	Bristol,	14 00
St. Mark's "	Warren,	9 00
Christ's "	Lonsdale,	5 00
St. James' "	Woonsocket,	8 00
Christ "	Westerly,	8 00
St. Paul's "	Portsmouth,	2 00
Emanuel "	Manville,	2 00
St. Luke's "	East Greenwich,	2 00
St. Paul's "	Wickford,	2 00
Ascension "	Wakefield,	1 00
St. Peter's "	Johnston,	1 00
St. Andrew's "	Providence,	1 00
St. Philip's "	Crompton,	1 00
St. Thomas' "	Greenville,	2 00
St. Mary's, "	Portsmouth,	2 00
Ch. of Holy Cross,	Middletown,	2 00
Emanuel Church,	Newport,	2 00
		$150,00

The Committee beg leave to recommend the following resolution for adoption.

Resolved, That the Delegates from the different Churches now pay to the Treasurer their several assessments.

ROBERT H. IVES,
EDWARD WALCOTT,
G. S. WARDWELL,
} *Committee.*

Providence, June 14, 1854.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON THE BISHOP'S SALARY.

The Committee on Finance have assessed the several Parishes in this Diocese in accordance with the Eighth Canon, for the salary of the Bishop, as follows:

St. John's Church,	Providence,	$70 00
Grace, "	"	70 00
St. Stephen's "	"	25 00
St. Andrew's "	"	3 00
Trinity "	Newport,	51 00
Zion "	"	38 00
St. Paul's "	North Providence,	31 00
St. Michael's "	Bristol,	40 00
St. Mark's "	Warren,	30 00
Christ's "	Lonsdale,	15 00
St. James' "	Woonsocket,	28 00
Christ "	Westerly,	28 00
St. Paul's "	Portsmouth,	5 00
Emanuel, "	Manville,	5 00
St. Luke's, "	East Greenwich,	13 00
St. Paul's, "	Wickford,	15 00
Ascension "	Wakefield,	13 00
St. Peter's "	Johnston,	2 00
St. Philip's "	Crompton,	1 00
Ch. of Holy Cross,	Middletown,	5 00
Emanuel,	Newport,	2 00
St. Matthew's Ch.	Jamestown,	2 00
St. Mary's "	Portsmouth,	5 00
St. Thomas "	Greenville,	3 00
		$500 00

The Committee recommend that the foregoing assessments be collected and paid by the several churches on or before the first day of October next.

ROBERT H. IVES,
EDWARD WALCOTT, } *Committee.*
GEO. W. WARDWELL,

Providence, June 14, 1854.

Dr. *Permanent Fund in account with William T. Grinnell, Treasurer.* *Cr.*

1854.		1854.	
June 13.	To balance to new account, - - - $771 85		By balance of old account, - - - $694 66
		June 13.	Interest from Saving's Bank, - - - 77 19
			$771 85
	$771 85		

The above account has been examined, and found to be correct,

ROBERT H. IVES,
EDWARD WALCOTT,
GEO. S. WARDWELL,
} *Committee on Finance.*

Providence, June 14, 1854.

1854.
June 13. By balance of old account brought down, $771 85
E. & O. E. excepted.

W. T GRINNELL, *Treasurer.*

Dr. *Charitable Fund in account with William T. Grinnell, Treasurer.* *Cr.*

1854.			
May 10.	To postage,		$ 25
June 14.	This amount credited in new account to balance,		1184 41
			$1184 66

The above account has been examined and found to be correct.

ROBERT H. IVES,
EDWARD WALCOTT,
GEO. S. WARDWELL,
} *Committee on Finance.*

Providence June 14, 1854.

The following parishes have neglected to make the remittance. St. John's, Providence; St. Andrew's Providence; St. Paul's, Wickford; St. Philip's,* Crompton; St. Mary's, Portsmouth; St. Thomas, Greenville.

* Paid at the close of the Convention.

1853.			
June 14.	By balance from old account,		$877 83
	Amount collected in 1853, after last account was rendered,		4 25
1854.	Amount collected in St. Mark's Church, Warren,		18 00
	" " St. Peter's " Johnston,		5 00
	" " Grace " Providence,		64 68
	" " Holy Cross " Middletown,		3 20
	" " Ascension " Wakefield,		5 37
	" " Emanuel " Manville,		12 00
	" " St. James' " Woonsocket,		9 27
	" " S. Paul's " N. Prov.,		11 69
	" " St. Stephen's " Providence,		40 00
	" " Christ " Lonsdale,		10 13
	" " Zion " Newport,		42 00
	" " St. Michael's " Bristol,		25 00
	" " Christ " Westerly,		10 00
	" " St. Luke's " E. Greenwich		7 55
	" " Emanuel " Newport,		5 00
	" " St. Paul's " Portsmouth,		3 69
	" " St. Matthew's " Jamestown,		2 00
	" " Trinity " Newport,		28 00
			$1184 66
1854.			
June 14.	By balance of old account brought down,		$1184 41

E. & O. excepted. W. T. GRINNELL, *Treasurer.*

Dr. *Convention Expenses (Diocese of R. I.) in account with E. W. Howard, Tr.* *Cr.*

1853.		
June 15.	To cash paid Wm. Vero, Sexton Grace Church, for services at Convention, June, 1853,	$ 5 00
" 18.	To cash paid A. C. Greene, per order J. F. Moore, for printing Journal Special Convention Sept., 1852, June 8, - - - - - -	32 00
" "	To cash paid G. H. Whitney for printing Certificates of Confirmation, - - - - -	3 00
" "	To paid Knowles & Anthony for printing charge of late Bishop, - - - - - - -	25 00
Aug. 12.	To paid G. H. Whitney for printing Journal of Convention, June, 1853, 40p and cover, -	60 00
Oct. 8.	To paid Secretary of General Convention of N. Y., quota of this Diocese for contingent expenses of said Convention, - - - - -	28 00
1854.		
March 18.	To paid Mut. Ins Co. assessment on policies of St. Andrew's, St. Philip's and St. Peter's, -	3 78
June 13.	To balance to new account, - - - -	10 28
		$167 06

Examined and found correct.

ROBERT H. IVES,
EDWARD WALCOTT,
GEO. S. WARDWELL,
} *Committee on Finance.*

Providence, June 14, 1854.

1853.						
June 15.	By balance of old account, - - -					$ 2 06
" "	By assessment levied June 15, 1853, on					
				Grace Church,	Providence,	22 00
" "	" "	"	"	St. Mark's,	Warren,	10 00
" "	" "	"	"	St. Stephen's,	Providence,	12 00
" "	" "	"	"	Ascension,	Wakefield,	1 00
" "	" "	"	"	St. Michael's,	Bristol,	15 00
" "	" "	"	"	Trinity,	Newport,	19 00
" "	" "	"	"	St. Mary's,	Portsmouth,	2 00
" "	" "	"	"	Holy Cross,	Middletown,	2 00
" "	" "	"	"	St. Paul's,	Portsmouth,	2 00
" "	" "	"	"	Christ,	Lonsdale,	5 00
" "	" "	"	"	St. Peter's,	Johnston,	1 00
" "	" "	"	"	Emanuel,	Newport,	2 00
" "	" "	"	"	Zion,	"	10 00
" "	" "	"	"	St. Philip's,	Crompton,	1 00
" "	" "	"	"	Emanuel,	Manville,	2 00
" "	" "	"	"	St. Luke's,	E. Greenwich	3 00
" "	" "	"	"	St. James'	Woonsocket,	9 00
" "	" "	"	"	Christ,	Westerly,	9 00
" "	" "	"	"	St. Paul's,	N. Prov.,	10 00
" "	" "	"	"	St. John's,	Providence,	22 00
" "	" "	"	"	St. Paul's,	Wickford,	3 00
" "	" "	"	"	St. Andrew's,	Providence,	1 00
" "	" "	"	"	St. Thomas,	Greenville,	2 00
						$167 06

1853.
June 13. By balance from old account, - - $10 28

E. E. E. W. HOWARD, *Treasurer.*

Dr. *Bishop's Salary (Diocese of R. I.) in account with E. W. Howard, Tr.* *Cr.*

1854.			
June 13.	To cash paid Grace Church on account of funeral expenses of Bishop Henshaw,		$ 70 00
" 14.	To paid bills on account of do. do.		144 75
" "	To E. Walcott's bill,		13 00
" "	To Rev. Thos. H. Vail for funds advanced Standing Committee for expenses at Ecclesiastical trial,		61 71
" 21.	To Thomas Burgess for expenses incurred for Diocese as per bill,		38 93
" "	By balance to new account,		67 61
			$396 00

1853.			
Oct. 4.	By assessment, June, 1853, St. Stephen's	Prov.,	$25 00
Nov. 24.	"	Trinity, Newport,	51 00
" 29.	"	Christ, Westerly,	28 00
Dec. 1.	"	St. John's, Providence,	70 00
1854.			
April 20.	"	St. Philip's, Crompton,	1 00
June 13.	"	St. Paul's, Wickford,	16 00
" "	"	St. Luke's, E. Greenwich,	14 00
" "	"	Grace, Providence,	70 00
" 14.	"	St. James', Woonsocket,	28 00
" "	"	Christ, Lonsdale,	16 00
" "	"	Emanuel, Manville,	5 00
" "	"	Ascension, Wakefield,	14 00
" "	"	St. Peters, Johnston,	2 00
" "	"	St. Paul's, Portsmouth,	5 00
" "	"	Zion Ch. Newport,	38 00
" "	"	St. Thomas, Greenville,	3 00
" "	"	St. Mary's, Portsmouth,	5 00
" "	"	Church of Holy Cross,	5 00
			$396 00

June 21, 1854. By balance from old account, - $67 61

E. E. E. W. HOWARD, *Treasurer.*

Dr. *R. I. Episcopal Depository in account with Geo. H. Whitney, Agent.* *Cr.*

1853.				1853.			
June 14.	For stock on hand from old account, -		$226 19	June 27.	By twelve Prayer Books sold Rev. Mr. Hathaway, - - - - - -	$	2 40
	" Balance due Depository, - - -		16 03	July 18.	" 2 doz. Catechisms, - - - - -		48
1854.				" "	" 1 doz. Help to Catechising, - - -		72
June 13.	" Profits on sales, - - - - - -		7 27	Nov. 26.	" Bill of stock transferred to Wm. Coggeshall,	240	76
	" Cash for fixtures sold to balance account,		2 28	Dec. 31.	" 12 Prayer Books, sold Rev. Mr. Hathaway,		2 40
			$251 77	1854.			
				June 13.	" 10 per cent commission on $35 11, -		3 51
					Freight charges, - - - -		1 50
							$251 77

GEO. H. WHITNEY, *Agent*,
per S. W. Brown.

Providence, June 13, 1854.

Dr Rhode Island Episcopal Depository in account with Wm. Coggeshall, Agent. Cr.

1853.					
Nov. 26.	To amount of stock received of G. H. Whitney,			$240	76
Dec. 1.	" " D. Dana, Jr.'s bill,			1	08
" 22.	" " " "			23	81
" 30.	" " " "			28	40
1854.					
Jan. 26.	" " " "			12	02
Feb. 24.	" " " "				74
Mar. 28.	" " " "			2	92
Apr. 11.	" " " "			9	39
May 3.	" " " "			1	76
" 17.	" " " "			10	61
" 26.	" " " "			10	89
June 14.	" 25 per cent profit on $99 14 sales,			24	78
				$367	16
June 14.	For Balance of stock on hand,			243	24
" " "	" due Depository,			111	51
	Assets,			$354	75
	Dana's bill,			101	62
	Capital,			$253	13
	Stock received of Whitney,			240	76
	Net gain			$12	37

Providence, June 14, 1854.

1854.		
June 14.	By paid freight,	$ 2 50
" "	" Ten per cent commission on $99 14,	9 91
" "	" Stock on hand to new account,	243 24
" "	" Balance,	111 51
		$367 16

E. E. WM. COGGESHALL, *Agent.*
Providence, June 14, 1854.

The Treasurer of the Depository has on hand: Communion Collections, Grace Church, $10; Trinity, $14, St. Mark's, $5 33. Balance of old account, $119 52.

Dr. Missionary Convocation (Diocese of R. I.,) in account with E. W. Howard, Tr. Cr.

1853.			
May 2.	To appropriation paid Rev. J. H. Eames, for deficit in funds for Itinerant Missionary in full		$100 00
" 2.	To paid do. for services unpaid during last year, to April 1, 1853,		63 00
" 2.	" do. for rent of Valley Falls hall to Apr. '54,		18 00
" 2.	" Rev. G. W. Chevers ap. in full to Apr. 1, '54,		500 00
" 2.	" " B. B. Babbitt 6 mo. do.,		300 00
" 2.	" Trinity Church, for Emanuel church 6 mo.		100 00
" 2.	" St. Luke's, do.,		50 00
" 2.	" Secretary for postage,		35
	To balance to new account,		78 26
			$1209 61

1853.			
May 2.	By balance of old account,		$ 55 83
" 2.	Pledge of St. John's (in full for yr. to Ap. 1, '54,)		200 00
" 2.	" St. Paul's, N. Prov.,	"	60 00
" 2.	" Trinity, Newport,	"	100 00
" 2.	" St. Peter's, Johnston,	"	51 78
" 2.	" St. Paul's, Wickford,	"	50 00
" 2.	" St. Stephen's, Prov.,	"	100 00
" 2.	" St. Mark's, Warren,	"	60 00
" 2.	" St. Philip's and Phenix Vil.,	"	100 00
" 2.	" Christ Ch. Westerly,	"	76 00
" 2.	" St, Paul's, Portsmouth,	"	36 50
" 2.	" St. Thomas, Greenville,	"	31 00
" 2.	" Grace Ch., Prov., bal. of last year,		100 00
" 2.	" on acc. year to Apr. 1, 1853,		138 50
" 2.	" St. Luke's, E. Greenwich, in full to	"	50 00
			$1209 61

1854.
May 20. By balance to new account, - - - $78 26

E. E. E. W. HOWARD, *Treasurer.*

Dr. Funds for D. and For. Mis. from Dioc. of R. I., in acct with E. W. Howard, Tr. Cr.

1853					
	By amount forwarded Treasurer Domestic and Foreign Missions, - - - - -	$1717 86		By cash Tr. Sund. off. Grace Ch. for D. M., $25; Dec. 11, D. M., $47 39; March 7, 1854, Tr. Sund. offerings, $75 00; May 13, do., $25 00; Oct. 3, 1853, F. M. $25 00; Africa, $5; Jan 7, 1854, S. S. for Africa, $100; March 7, Tr. S. offer'gs, $75; May 13, $25. - - - - - - -	$ 402 89
	Credited to travelling expenses of Convocation account, - - - - - - -	26 65	1853.	St. John's Ch. D. M. adv.. col $231; Christmas off.	
	Forwarded to Treasurer Am. Bible Society, -	36 00	Dec. 9.	Morn. School, do. $30 26; Colored School, $5 22; For Am. Bible Soc. from Ladies, Ap. 18, $36; Oct. 3, 1854, for F. M. a member $25; Epiphany coll. $273; S. S. coll. for year to Apr. 1, 1853, $79 25; Col. S. S.. $20 32; Morning S. Christmas offering, $30 26; Col'd do. do., $5 24; Ladies' Philanthrop. Soc. for Af. $250, Expenses of Convocation in Dioc., $26 65;	1012 20
		$1780 51	1854.		
			Feb. 15.	St. Stephen's. Epiph. coll. F. M. excepting $20 for Nashotah, $58; Advent coll. D. M. $75 05,	133 05
			1853.		
			Oct. 3.	Emanuel, Manville, for Rev. Mr. Slatterly, Me.,	10 00
			" "	By contribution through A. Gurney, for do., -	43 00
			Dec. 19.	Christ Ch. Lonsdale, D. M. $10, Africa, $13,	23 00
				An invalid for D. M., - - -	1 00
			1854.	St. Mark's, Warren. For D. M. $32, F. M, $32;	
			Jan. 4.	March 7. F. M., $11; Apr. 18. S. S. for Af. $24,	99 00
			May 4.	St. Peter's, Johnston, For D. M, $5, F. M., $5,	10 00
			June 5.	St. Paul's, N. Prov. Ed. Eliza Taft, Africa,	20 00
			Feb. 15.	St. Paul's, Portsmouth, F. M., - - -	6 37
				Christ Ch. Westerly, African child, - - -	20 00
					$1780 51

E. E. E. W. HOWARD, *Treasurer.*

Providence, June 15, 1854.

Abstract of Parochial Reports, June, 1854.

PLACES.	CHURCHES.	RECTOR OR MINISTER.	BAPT'MS. Adults,	BAPT'MS. Infants,	BAPT'MS. Total.	COMM'CTS. Added.	COMM'CTS. Died and Removed.	COMM'CTS. Present Number.	There has been no Episcopal visitation this year.	Marriages.	Burials.	S. S. Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.	Sunday Offerings and Contributions, for religious purposes.
Providence,	St. John's,	N. B. Crocker, D. D.	—	—	25	10	—	300		15	20	—	—	$ —
"	Grace,		5	12	17	—	—	330		—	18	28	200	1,213 04
"	St. Stephen's,	Henry Waterman,	1	9	10	14	11	140		9	19	15	100	800 00
"	St. Andrew's,	D. Henshaw,	—	—	—	—	—	—		—	—	—	—	—
Bristol,	St. Michael's,	Joseph Trapnell, Jr.,	1	14	15	—	7	260		6	20	24	130	725 22
Warren,	St. Mark's,	John Kelly,	3	4	7	5	—	130		6	7	19	96	253 00
N. Portsmouth,	St. Paul's,		—	2	2	—	1	23		—	—	1	14	37 83
S. Portsmouth,	St. Mary's,	D. C. Millett,	1	3	4	1	—	17		5	4	7	56	46 00
Middletown,	Holy Cross,	H. Williams,	1	—	—	—	—	8		1	—	—	—	55 58
"	Trinity,	D. R. Brewer,	4	11	15	12	12	230		5	20	15	150	1,069 35
Newport,	Zion,	Benjamin Watson,	4	3	7	10	4	160		4	11	17	135	—
"	Emanuel,	K. J. Stewart,	3	17	20	17	3	87		5	5	20	150	193 88
Westerly,	Christ,	T. H. Vail,	—	13	13	7	5	162		13	21	18	90	450 00
Woonsocket,	St. James',	B. P. Talbot,	3	23	26	10	2	121		16	36	19	152	270 58
Lonsdale,	Christ,	G. W. Hathaway,	2	14	16	14	7	76		16	14	14	120	879 20
N. Providence,	St. Paul's,	George Taft,	—	18	18	4	4	200		34	43	25	180	151 91
N. Kingston,	St. Paul's,	A. B. Flanders,	1	—	1	—	1	56		—	1	8	60	167 33
Manville,	Emanuel,		9	7	16	13	7	37		—	3	7	70	49 00
E. Greenwich,	St. Luke's,	S. A. Crane,	1	7	8	7	5	63		1	13	12	80	212 05
Johnston,	St. Peter's,	Wm. H. Mills,	2	5	7	7	4	25		—	2	7	43	25 93
Wakefield,	Ascension,	F. J. Warner,	1	—	1	3	7	40		2	7	8	55	72 41
Jamestown,	St. Matthew's,	George Anthony,	—	—	—	—	—	12		—	2	—	—	9 50
Crompton,	St, Philip's,	G. W. Chevers,	1	3	4	1	2	21		3	17	7	55	—
Phenix,	Miss. Station,	" "	—	8	8	4	1	13		—	1	6	50	—
Itn. Missionary,	—	B. B. Babbitt,	—	8	8	13	4	35		—	6	10	90	29 50
			43	181	228	152	87	2446		141	291	287	2076	$6,711 31

CHARTER,

[PASSED JANUARY, 1844.]

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE CERTAIN PERSONS BY THE NAME OF "THE RAODE-ISLAND EPISCOPAL STATE CONVENTION."

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. That John P. K. Henshaw, Nathan B. Crocker, George W. Hathaway, Silas A. Crane, Thomas Burgess, Resolved Waterman, George Mumford, and such others as are members of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Rhode Island, and their successors, chosen according to the Constitution of said Convention, be, and they hereby are, created and made a Corporation and body politic forever, by the name and style of "THE RHODE-ISLAND EPISCOPAL STATE CONVENTION, FOR MISSIONARY AND OTHER PURPOSES;" and by that name shall be, and hereby are created and made capable in law, to purchase, receive, have, own, possess and enjoy, in fee simple, or in any less estate, lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels, and estate of any kind or nature whatsoever, not exceeding the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars; and the same to sell, grant, demise and dispose of; to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended against, in courts of record, or in any other place whatsoever; also to make, have and use a common seal, and the same to break, alter or renew at pleasure. Also to enact, establish, and put in execution, such by-laws, ordinances and regulations, (they not being contrary to the Constitution of this State or the laws thereof, or the Constitution of the United States,) as to them shall seem expedient; and also to alter their said Constitution according to the provisions in said Constitution contained.

SEC. 2. The Officers of said Convention shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Standing Committee, together with such other Officers as said Convention shall judge necessary and expedient.

SEC. 3. A Standing Committee, consistnig of not less than six members, shall be chosen annually by said Convention, which number may be increased by a vote of said Convention, and it shall be the duty of said Committee, and they shall have power to make contracts, as well under seal as without seal; to dispose of, manage and apply the funds of said Convention in such way and manner, and for such purposes as are consistent with the purposes of said Convention, and as the Convention may, from time to time, direct.

SEC. 4. There shall be a meeting of said Convention on the second Tuesday of June, in each year, or at such other time, and at such hour and place as the said Convention may appoint, by themselves or by their Standing Committee, for the election of officers, and the transaction of such other business as may regularly come before such meetings; at said annual meetings the Standing Committee shall make report of their doings, and the Treasurer shall exhibit the state of the treasury. And should it at any time so happen, that an election of officers should not be had, or made at the time appointed for such purpose, the officers and Standing Committee last elected, shall be empowered to officiate in their respective offices, and exercise all the powers and discharge all the duties thereto belonging or appertaining, until a new election by said Convention shall be had and made.

SEC. 5. The Bishop of the Diocese shall *ex-officio*, be President of the Convention, and in the absence of the Bishop, a President *pro tempore* may be chosen by said Convention, by ballot.

SEC. 6. Fifteen members of said Convention shall be a quorum for the transaction of business; two thirds of the Standing Committee shall be a quorum for the transaction of the business appertaining to said Committee; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to call a meeting of said Convention at any

time, upon the written request of any ten members thereof, by giving notice of the time and place thereof, in such manner as the Convention may designate.

SEC. 7. Any donation, devise or legacy made to said Convention and by them accepted, shall be faithfully applied to the specific purpose designated by the donor or devisor.

SEC. 8. Until a meeting of the Convention aforesaid, for the choice of officers, shall be had in conformity to this Charter, John P. K. Henshaw being President as aforesaid; Azel D. Cole shall be Secretary, Ezra W. Howard, Treasurer, and Henry Waterman, Silas A. Crane, George W. Hathaway, Resolved Waterman, George Mumford, and Thomas Burgess, Standing Committee.

SEC. 9. This Charter shall be subject to all future acts of the General Assembly, whether in amendment or repeal thereof, or in any wise affecting the same.

The following amendment to the charter was passed by the General Assembly, at its session in October, 1850.

An Act in amendment of an Act, entitled an "Act to incorporate certain persons by the name of the Rhode Island Episcopal Convention."

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. The act to which this is in amendment, is so far amended that said corporation shall be capable in law, in addition to, and exclusive of church buildings, and the fixtures and furniture thereof, and lands for the same, and parsonage-houses and lands for the same, to purchase, receive, have, own, possess and enjoy other lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels and estate of any kind or nature whatsoever, not exceeding in value the amount of fifty thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. The Standing Committee provided for by the second section of said act, shall consist of not less than six members; and in addition to said committee and the officers of said corporation, said corporation shall have power to appoint and constitute

committees and trustees, who shall make report at the annual meetings, and hold their places by like tenure as is provided in the fourth section of said act for the officers and standing committee of said corporation.

SEC. 3. The third section of the act to which this is in amendment is hereby repealed.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church,

IN THE DIOCESE OF RHODE-ISDAND.

ARTICLE I.

This Church accedes to the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and acknowledges the authority of its Canons.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be a stated Convention of this Church on the second Tuesday in June, in each year, at such hour, and in such place as the Convention shall determine. The Bishop may, in his discretion, call special meetings of the Convention; and when requested by the Standing Committee, it shall be his duty to do so. If the Episcopate be vacant, or if the Bishop be incapacitated for acting, special meetings may be called by the Standing Committee. At least three weeks notice shall be publicly given of the time and place of holding any special meeting of the convention, and no business shall be transacted at any such meeting other than is specified in the notice by which it is called.

ARTICLE III.

The Bishop shall preside in the Convention; but if the Diocese be vacant, or the Bishop absent, a President shall be chosen from among the Presbyters of the Convention.

ARTICLE IV.

Section 1. This Convention shall be composed of such Clergymen in this diocese as shall have been actually and canonically resident and officiating in the same for one year next

preceding the Convention: also, of such Clergy, similarly resident, as shall have been employed for the same period as Missionaries, under the sanction of the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese;—and of Lay Delegates, not exceeding four from each parish in union with this Convention, who shall present certificates, signed by the Wardens, or Parish Clerk, that they are duly chosen.

Sec. 2. Every Clergyman, other than those specified in the foregoing section, canonically resident in the Diocese, shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership, with the exception of a right to vote; and no Clergyman otherwise entitled to a seat and a vote shall be deprived of such privilege by reason of advanced age, or infirm health, or temporary absence.

Sec. 3. The operation of the first section of this Article shall be entirely prospective.

ARTICLE V.

Every Convention shall be opened with the Morning Prayer, followed by a Sermon or a Charge from the Bishop, or a Sermon by some Preacher appointed by the Bishop, and the celebration of the Holy Communion; after which the President and Secretary of the Convention shall take their places, and the Convention be called to order. The President shall then give to the Secretary a list of the Clergy entitled by the Constitution to the privileges of membership, specifying those having a right to vote. The Lay Delegates shall then hand in to the Secretary the testimonials of their election. The above mentioned list and testimonials shall thereupon be referred to a Committee appointed by the President, which Committee shall make out and report to the Convention a list of the Clerical and Lay delegates entitled to membership and the right to vote; and upon the whole list so reported and acted upon the Convention shall be organized. The Secretary of the Convention shall then be chosen, and the necessary Committees appointed. The Morning Service of the Church shall be performed every day during the session of the Convention.

ARTICLE VI.

The Convention being duly organized, the members present shall, upon all questions deliberate in one body, and in voting, shall vote as individuals. But if, in any case, it be requested by any three members, the two orders shall vote separately; and in such case, (except it be in elections provided for in this Constitution,) the Lay Delegates from each congregation, or parish, shall be entitled to but one vote; and the concurrence of both Orders shall be necessary to constitute a decision.

ARTICLE VII.

New parishes may, by a vote of the Convention, be admitted into union with it, on presenting written evidence, under the authority of the Wardens and Vestry, that they are duly organized, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of the Convention of this Diocese.

ARTICLE VIII.

At every annual meeting of the Convention, a Secretary shall be chosen, by joint ballot, who shall remain in office until the next election of a Secretary. His duty shall be to make minutes of the proceedings in a book to be provided for that purpose,—to preserve the journal and records,—to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Convention, including journals of the Convention, of other Dioceses, which may be in his possession. It shall also be his duty to direct the distribution of the printed journals among the parishes, and to give due notice of the time and place of the meeting of the Convention.

ARTICLE IX.

A Treasurer, who shall be a Layman, shall be elected annually, and shall continue in office, during the pleasure of the Convention. It shall be his duty to receive at each annual Convention the assessment upon the parishes for defraying the incidental expenses of the Convention,—for the support of the

Episcopate,—and to meet the charges arising out of the connection of this Diocese with the General Convention; and to pay quarterly to the Bishop the amount of salary pledged him by this Convention; and to meet other demands upon the Treasury, which the Convention may, from time to time, authorize and direct. He shall present to each annual Convention a report in writing of his receipts and disbursements.

ARTICLE X.

A Standing Committee consisting of four Presbyters and four Laymen, who shall be Communicants of this Church, shall be appointed annually, and shall continue in office until the election of a new Committee. They shall keep a record of their proceedings, and report the same to the Convention at its annual meeting. Two thirds shall constitute a quorum for all purposes except those for which the Canons of the General Convention require a larger number. They shall hold special meetings whenever required by the Bishop. They shall also have power to supply any vacancies which may occur in their own body during the recess of the Convention.

ARTICLE XI.

Deputies to the General Convention shall be chosen once in every three years; and shall continue in office till new ones are chosen.

The Clergy shall nominate the Clerical, and the Laity the Lay Candidates, by ballot. The candidates thus nominated shall be respectively reported to the Convention. The President shall then declare the Clerical nominations to the Laity, and the Lay nominations to the Clergy, which bodies shall separately, and by ballot, for each candidate, confirm or reject the nomination.

In the event of any rejection, another nomination shall be made in manner as before directed.

Substitutes for deputies shall be chosen in the same manner as the Deputies are. And in the event of the resignation, or inability of any Deputy, Clerical or Lay, such vacancy shall be filled from the substitutes respectively, in the order in which they were chosen.

ARTICLE XII.

Whenever a Bishop is to be elected in this Church, it shall be in an annual or a special Convention, in the following manner: The two orders having separated, the Clergy shall nominate and appoint, by ballot, a duly qualified Presbyter of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States for that office; whereupon, their choice shall be made known to the order of Lay Delegates; and if approved by them, voting by ballot, the candidate so appointed shall be declared to be duly elected. In any such election, the votes of a majority of each order shall determine the choice.

ARTICLE XIII.

Canons for the government of the Church, and Rules of Order for the conducting of business, may be adopted from time to time, by the Convention.

ARTICLE XIV.

The mode of altering this Constitution shall be as follows: A proposition of amendment shall be introduced in writing, and considered in the Convention, and if approved of, shall lie over to the next Convention; and if again approved of in that Convention, by a majority of the two orders voting separately, the change shall take place; and the constitution so altered, shall be valid and obligatory.

CANONS.

CANON I.

Board of Missions.

The Missionary operations of the Church in this Diocese shall be conducted by a Board of Missions, to be called the Missionary Convocation of the Church in Rhode Island, consisting of such of the Clergy in the Diocese as shall pledge to the treasury of the Board, for the Missionary purposes of the same, an annual sum equal to at least one-tenth of their respective salaries. The Board shall report annually to the Convention their proceedings, together with an account of their receipts and expenditures, and a general statement of the condition and prospects of their Missionary stations.

The Bishop of the Diocese shall be "ex-officio" President of the Board; and no appointment of Missionaries shall be made, unless approved of by him.

The Treasurer of this Board shall be a Layman of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

CANON II.

Board of Education.

There shall be appointed annually, by the Convention, a Board of Education, of which the Bishop shall be "ex officio" Chairman, consisting, besides, of two Clergymen and two Laymen, to whom shall be intrusted the selection of indigent young men to be educated for the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church. A report of their doings shall be presented annually to the Convention.

The Beneficiaries of the Board shall be subject to its direction and control.

CANON III.

Board of Sunday Schools.

There shall be appointed annually, by the Convention, a Board of Sunday Schools, to consist of the Bishop, two Clergymen and two Laymen. The said Board shall make an annual statistical report of the Sunday Schools within the Diocese, accompanied with such facts and suggestions, as in their judgment will promote the Sunday School cause.

CANON IV.

Depository Board.

There shall be appointed annually, by the Convention, a Depository Board, to consist of two Clergymen and two Laymen, with the Bishop, who shall be "ex-officio" Chairman. It shall be the duty of said Board to superintend and control the purchase, publication, and distribution of Church Books and Tracts within the Diocese.

CANON V.

Of the Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes.

Section I. There shall be appointed, annually, by the Convention, a Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes, to consist of four Laymen and the Bishop, who shall be ex-officio Chairman.

Sec. 2. This Board shall appoint, from their own number, a Treasurer and Secretary, and shall have power to fill any vacancies occuring in their number during the recess of the Convention.

Sec. 3. All applications from parishes in this Diocese, for aid in the building, repairing, or paying for Churches, shall be made to this Board; and it shall be the duty of the Board to receive, keep, and pay out, on such conditions as they shall judge most conducive to the extension of the Church, all monies whatever way contributed, and not specially appropriated by the contributors, for the purpose contemplated in this section.

Sec. 4. This Board may, at their discretion, endeavor to secure in their Treasury a permanent fund for the purpose contemplated in the preceding section, by collections in the several Churches in the Diocese, and by the solicitation of donations and bequests from individuals.

Sec. 5. It shall be a duty of this Board to give, through the Secretary, their recommendation to all applications which they shall approve for particular parishes; and all funds so collected shall be paid into the Treasury of this Board, and used under its direction.

Sec. 6. This Board is authorized, and it shall be their duty to receive, hold, and manage, as Trustees in behalf of this Convention, any property in Church buildings, and parsonage-houses and glebes, and in their fixtures or other furniture and improvements, now vested in, or held in trust by the Convention of this Diocese. The Board is further authorized to receive, hold, and manage, as Trustees, for the Convention, any similar property which hereafter may be obtained chiefly in part by contributions beyond the limits of the parish within which such property is situated, and which ought properly to be held in trust by some responsible body for the benefit of any such parish: said trust to be in all cases on these two conditions—*first*, that any congregation in union with the Convention, having the use of any such property so held in trust, shall have the right, at any time, by paying to said Trustees the original cost of such property used by them, or such sum of money as in the judgment of this Board shall be a fair price for the same, to claim the fee and control of said property in their own right, this Board, on payment of such property being made by any such congregation, being bound to convey to any such congregation the title to such property, said title to be conveyed for such time as the congregation receiving it shall continue in union with the Convention of this Diocese; and, *secondly*, that Board shall, while holding the Trusteeship of any such property, have the entire control and management of the same, subject to the purpose for which such property was given.

Sec. 7. This Board is further authorized, and it shall be their duty to receive, hold, and manage, in trust for the Convention any other property, real or personal, which the Convention may at any time by resolution commit to the Trusteeship of the Board.

Sec. 8. All monies or other property given or entrusted to this Board, shall be faithfully applied as designated by the donors, and the Board shall make an annual report to the Convention of its doings, receipts and disbursements.

CANON VI.

Of the Board for the relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, and also of superanuated and infirm Clergymen.

1. At every annual Convention there shall be elected a Board for the relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, and also of superanuated and infirm Clergymen; which Board shall consist of four Laymen, who shall be communicants of the Church, together with the Bishop of the Diocese, who shall be, ex officio Chairman. In case of the vacancy of the episcopate, the President of the Standing Committee shall be, ex officio, a member and Chairman of the Board.

2. The funds received by this Board shall consist of collections in Churches, and of donations or legacies specially desig nated for the purposes of this canon; and it is hereby made the duty of each clergyman having charge of a Parish, and of the Wardens in every vacant Parish, to take up an annual collection for this fund. All moneys contributed as above specified, shall be invested by the Board in such securities as, in their judgment, will be safe and productive; and such investments shall be made in the name of the Board as Trustees.

3. The appropriations from this fund shall be made by the Board in such manner, and in such sums, as they may deem expedient: *Provided*, That no appropriation shall be made to the family of a deceased clergyman who was not, at the time of his decease, canonically resident in this Diocese, nor to any superanuated or infirm clergyman who did not continue in the exercise of his sacred duties until providentially disabled.

4. At every annual Convention the Board shall present to that body a report of their receipts, investments and appropriations, for the year preceding.

5. The Board shall have power to appoint such officers and sub-committees, and to enact such By-laws as they may deem necessary for the more convenient and effective discharge of the duties required by this Canon.

CANON VII.

On remittances from Parishes for Conventional expenses.

It shall be the duty of the Church Wardens and Vestries to see that the amount assessed upon their respective parishes by the Convention for the raising of the Bishop's salary, for incidental expenses, and other Church purposes, authorized and directed by the Convention, be regularly transmitted to the Treasurer so as to be included in his annual report.

CANON VIII.

The Bishop's Salary.

The annual salary of the Bishop of this Diocese shall be five hundred dollars, which shall be assessed on the several parishes by the Finance Committee.

CANON IX.

Ministers to keep a Register of their acts.

To secure the object proposed in Canon XXIX of the General Convention of 1832, it shall be the duty of every minister of this Church, having charge of a parish, to keep (in a good and substantial book, to be provided by the Vestry,) the record required by said Canon, of Baptisms, Confirmations, Communicants, Marriages, Funerals, &c., within the limits of his care; which register, in the event of his death or resignation, shall be left for the use of his successor.

CANON X.

Of the Election of Lay Delegates.

Any parish intending to be represented in this Convention, as provided for in the Fourth Article of the Constitution of the Diocese, shall choose its delegates in a parish meeting, regularly called in conformity with the Charter and By-Laws of the parish; and in addition to the Delegates provided for in said Fourth Article, said parish shall, at the same meeting, choose four other persons to be called substitutes, who, in the order in which they are chosen, shall be entitled to fill the place of any delegate who may resign, or be unable to attend; and such delegates and substitutes shall continue in office until the next annual meeting of the parish; and also until new ones shall have been chosen to take their places.

CANON XI.

Mode of Trying Clergymen.

1. If any Clergyman of this Church offend in any one or more of the instances enumerated in Canon XXXVII, of the General Convention of 1832, complaint may be made to the Standing Committee, which shall be done in writing, by at least two persons, who shall be communicants, and one of whom shall be a Clergyman of this Church.

2. The Standing Committee, if they deem the charge well founded, shall make a presentment in writing to the Bishop, stating the offence or offences of which the said Clergyman is alleged to be guilty, together with specifications, as far as may be, with reasonable certainty as to time, place, and circumstances.

3. The Bishop shall thereupon summon a jury of five Presbyters, of whom the accused may select three to act as the court by which he will be tried. The court shall be judges of the law and the facts. The Standing Committee shall act as prosecutors in the case, and shall give the accused a copy of the presentment made to the Bishop, and also sixty days' notice of

the time and place of trial. Witnesses may be summoned by either party, and examined under oath in the presence of the court. Depositions may also be taken, under oath, of witnesses whose personal attendance at the court cannot be procured; both parties having had timely notice of the time and place of taking such depositions.

4. The accused party may in all cases, employ legal counsel, and in case of such choice, the Standing Committee shall have the same privilege. The accused shall also have the right of a public trial; but if he prefer a trial in the presence of the court alone, he may conduct his own defence, or be assisted by any Clergyman of this Church.

5. After an impartial investigation of the testimony, and hearing of the case, the court shall be called upon individually to pronounce a verdict of guilty or not guilty, upon each charge or specification in the presentment.

6. If the majority of the court shall pronounce the accused to be guilty of all or any of the specifications, they shall then deliberate and give their judgment as to the act of discipline which the offence or offences proven seem to demand, which shall be either admonition, suspension for a limited time, or degradation from the ministry, as the majority of votes by ballot shall determine.

7. An accurate record of the proceedings of the court, including all the testimony, whether oral or written, shall be kept by a clerk appointed for that purpose, and a certified copy of it shall be delivered to the Bishop.

8. If the Bishop should approve the judgment of the court he shall, within thirty days after the verdict is rendered, proceed to administer the discipline awarded by the court.

9. Should the Bishop disapprove either the verdict or the sentence of the court, if said verdict or sentence be adverse to the accused, he may, at discretion, summon a new court, (constituted as directed in third section of this Canon,) and order a new trial. The decision of this second court shall be final, and the Bishop shall then proceed to execute it as above.

10. If the accused shall not appear at the trial, the judgment of the court shall proceed against him by default, and he shall be suspended from the exercise of his clerical functions for the space of six months,—and if, during that period, he shall not apply for trial, he shall then be degraded from the ministry.

11. If there be necessity for the trial of a Clergyman at any time when the Episcopate of the Diocese is vacant, the Bishop of some neighboring Diocese may, at the request of the Standing Committee, perform all the acts assigned by this Canon to the Bishop of the Diocese.

RULES OF ORDER,

AND A

STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS,

OF THE

Convention of the Church in the Diocese of Rhode Island.

I. RULES OF ORDER.

1. When the President takes the chair no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the chair.

2. The members of the Convention shall sit in pews contiguous to one another—the delegates of each church occupying one pew.

3. No member shall absent himself from the Convention unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. All special committees shall be appoined by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

5. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not again be drawn into debate during the session, unless with the consent of two thirds of the members present.

6. When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise, and with due respect address himself to the President, and confine himself strictly to the point in debate.

7. When two members chance to rise at the same time, the President shall determine to whom the preference shall be given; and all questions of order the President shall decide—subject to an appeal to the Convention.

8. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

9. No motion shall be acted upon until seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

10. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private conversation to the interruption of the Convention.

11. Every member, who is in the Convention when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the question, or excused by the President.

12. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to postpone, to amend, to divide, or to commit.

13. A motion for amendment or postponement shall be considered as the previous question, and be decided before the original motion.

14. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

15. The yeas and nays shall be called and entered on the minutes, when required by one-fifth of the members present.

16. At the request of the President, or on motion, the Convention may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole.

17. All elections, when required by two members, shall be by ballot.

18. All other questions shall be decided *viva voce*, or by hand vote, unless a ballot be called for by two members.

19. The sittings of the Convention shall be open to all persons who choose to attend, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

20. After the first day the minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning, at the opening of the Convention, and, if necessary, corrected; and, before the rising of the Convention, the whole proceedings of the session shall be read.

21. When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

22. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

23. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be read at the opening of every Convention, and shall be of force, unless repealed by a vote of the Convention.

II. STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS.

After the organization of the Convention as provided for by the Constitution, the following Order of Business shall be observed for the first day of the session.

1. The business incident to the organization of the Convention, embracing the consideration of application of Churches or Parishes for admission into union with the Convention; reports from special committees appointed at a preceding session of the Convention, &c.

II. Reading of the Bishop's address.

III. Regular Annual Reports, in the following order:

1. Report from the Treasurer of the Convention.
2. Report from the Standing Committee.
3. Report from the Board of Missions.
4. Report from the Board of Education.
5. Report from the Board of Sunday Schools.
6. Report from the Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes.
7. Report from the Depository Board.
8. Report from the Board for relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased clergymen.
9. Parochial Reports.

The following order of business shall be observed for the second day of the Convention:

I. Elections,—

1. Of deputies to the General Convention.
2. Of Treasurer.
3. Of Standing Committee.
4. Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.
5. Board of Education.
6. Board of Sunday Schools.
7. Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes.
8. Board for the relief of Widows and Orphans, &c.
9. Depository Board.

II. Miscellaneous.

LIST OF CLERGY

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church,

IN THE

DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND,

JUNE 13, 1854.

Rev. GEO. ANTHONY, (Deacon,)
Officiating in St. Matthew's Ch., Jamestown.

Rev. BENJ. B. BABBITT,
Acting as Missionary at large.

Rev. JOHN BRISTED,
Residing in Bristol.

Rev. LEMUEL BURGE,
Residing in E. Greenwich.

Rev. DARIUS R. BREWER,
Minister of Trinity Ch., Newport.

Rev. JAMES H. CARPENTER,
Residing in N. Kingstown.

Rev. GEO. W. CHEVERS, (Dea.,)
Officiating in St. Philip's Ch., Crompton, and at Phenix.

Rev SILAS A. CRANE,
Rec. of St. Luke's Ch. E. Greenwh.

Rev. N. B. CROCKER, D. D.,
Rec. of St. John's Ch., Prov.

Rev. JAMES H. EAMES,
Missionary at large in the Dioc.

Rev. A. B. FLANDERS,
Rec. of St. Paul's Ch., N. Kings'n.

Rev. EDWARD P. GRAY,
Minister of St. Paul's Ch., North Portsmouth.

Rev. G. W. HATHAWAY,
Rec. of Christ Ch., Lonsdale.

Rev. DANIEL HENSHAW,
Rec. of St. Andrew's Ch , Prov.

Rev. JOHN KELLY,
Rec. of St. Mark's Ch., Warren.

Rev. DANIEL C. MILLETT,
Minister of St. Mary's Ch., South Portsmouth.

Rev. W. HAMMOND MILLS,
Rec. of St. Peter's Ch., Johnston.

Rev. KENSEY J. STEWART,
Rec. of Emanuel Ch., Newport.

Rev. ELI W. STOKES, [Colored,]
W. Africa.

Rev. GEORGE TAFT,
Rec. of St. Paul's Ch., N. Prov.

Rev. BAYLIES P. TALBOT,
Rec. of St. James' Ch. Woonsocket.

Rev. JOSEPH TRAPNELL, Jr.,
Rec. of St. Michael's Ch., Bristol.

Rev. THOMAS H. VAIL,
Rec. of Christ Church, Westerly.

Rev. FRANCIS J. WARNER,
Rec. of Ascension Ch., Wakefield.

Rev. HENRY WATERMAN,
Rec. of St. Stephen's Ch., Prov.

Rev. BENJAMIN WATSON,
Rec. of Zion Ch., Newport.

Rev. ELISHA F. WATSON,
Rec. of St. Paul's Ch., Tower Hill.

Rev. HOBART WILLIAMS,
Miss. at Ch. of the Holy Cross, Middletown.

FORM OF A CERTIFICATE

OF THE APPOINTMENT OF LAY DELEGATES.

At a meeting of the Parish of ———— Church, ————, regularly called in conformity with the Charter and By-Laws, on the —— day of ———— 185 , Messrs.

were appointed as Delegates from said Parish to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, to be held on the second Tuesday in June, 185 .

At the same meeting, the following persons were also appointed as substitutes:

Attest,

————————, *Wardens.*

————————, *Parish Clerk.*

CANON X.

Of the Election of Lay Delegates.

Any Parish intending to be represented in this Convention, as provided for in the Fourth Article of the Constitution of the Diocese, shall choose its Delegates in a Parish meeting, regularly called in conformity with the Charter and By-Laws of the Parish; and in addition to the Delegates provided for in said Fourth Article, said Parish shall, at the same meeting, choose four other persons, to be called substitutes, who, in the order in which they are chosen, shall be entitled to fill the place of any delegate who may resign, or be unable to attend; and such delegates and substitutes shall continue in office until the next annual meeting of the Parish; and also until new ones shall have been chosen to take their places.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

CHURCH,

Baptisms—Adults, ; Infants, ; Total . Communicants—added, ; died and removed, ; present number, . Sunday Schools—Teachers, ; Scholars, . Marriages, . Burials, . Missionary and charitable contributions, $.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SPECIAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church,

IN THE DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND,

HELD IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE,

TUESDAY, 26th, AND WEDNESDAY, 27th, Sept., 1854.

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1854.

At a Special Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Rhode Island, holden August 30, 1854,

Voted, That a Special Meeting of the Convention of the Diocese be called, and held at St. John's Church, in Providence, on TUESDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF SEPT. NEXT, at 10 o'clock. A. M., for the purpose of electing a Bishop, and to act upon the amendments of the Constitution of the Church, as proposed at the last meeting of the Convention; and to take such action in relation to the support of the Bishop as may be deemed expedient.

THOMAS BURGESS, SEC'RY.

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OF THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE,
September 26th, 1854.

This being the day appointed by the Standing Committee for the meeting of a Special Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Rhode Island, a number of the Clergy and Laity assembled at 10 o'clock, A. M., in St. John's Church, Providence.

Morning prayer was conducted by the Rev. Thomas H. Vail. The Rev. Dr. Crocker officiated in the Ante-Communion Service. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Joseph Trapnell, Jr. The Holy Communion was administered by the Rev. Dr. Crocker and the Rev. S. A. Crane.

At the close of Divine Service, the President of the former Convention, the Rev. Dr. Crocker, took the Chair, and called the Convention to order.

The Committee *on the Rights of Members to Seats* was then appointed by the President, consisting of

Rev. S. A. Crane,	Robert H. Ives,
" Henry Waterman,	Samuel Powel.

On motion, clergymen not entitled to seats in this body,

and candidates for orders, who might be present, were invited to honorary seats in the Convention. Of such there were present, the Rev. Messrs. Goodwin, Burroughs, Withington, Porter, and Townsend, of Mass., the Rev. C. R. Fisher, of Conn., and Rev. Dr. A. Jones, of Va.

The Convention then adjourned until 3 o'clock.

Tuesday afternoon, 3 *o'clock.*

The Convention met according to adjournment. The Committee on the Qualifications of Members, reported the following Clergymen as entitled to *a seat and a vote :*

Rev. George Anthony,	Rev. Jno. Kelly,
" Lemuel Burge,	" D. C. Millett,
" Jno. Bristed,	" W. H. Mills,
" D. R. Brewer,	" K. J. Stewart,
" J. H. Carpenter,	" Geo. Taft,
" G. W. Chevers,	" B. P. Talbot,
" S. A. Crane,	" Jos. Trapnell, Jr.,
" N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	" T. H. Vail,
" E. P. Gray,	" F. J. Warner,
" J. H. Eames,	" Henry Waterman,
" G. W. Hathaway,	" Benj. Watson,
" Daniel Henshaw,	" E. F. Watson,

Hobart Williams.

The following LAY DELEGATES and SUBSTITUTES were reported as having been duly elected by their respective Parishes.

PLACES AND CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	SUBSTITUTES.
Providence.		
St. John's,	Austin Gurney,	R. M. Larned,
	Robert H. Ives,	W. T. Dorrance,
	C. H. Dabney,	Wm. Goddard,
	Alexander Duncan,	Amasa Paine.
Grace,	Richmond Brownell,	
	Edward Walcott,	
	Wm. T. Grinnell,	
	S. A. Arnold.	

PLACES AND CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	SUBSTITUTES.
Providence.	Resolved Waterman,	
St. Stephen's,	Gideon Gurnett,	
	Wm. Burrough,	
	Wm. Field.	
	J. E. Cranston,	E. Hubbard,
St. Andrews,	J. Hutchison,	E. Franklin.
	A. Peters,	
	S. Crins.	
N. Providence.	A. Thayer,	
St. Paul's,	T. R. Dix,	
	D. Lefavor,	
	D. L. Peck.	
Woonsocket.	G. S. Wardwell,	
St. James,	S. Greene,	
	E. H. Sprague,	
	S. N. Mason.	
Manville.	D. Hale,	
Emanuel,	B. C. Hill,	
	W. H. Beebe,	
	H. Waterman.	
Greenville.	N. B. Sprague,	H. N. King,
St. Thomas,	A. Steere,	L. Craft,
	T. Barnes,	J. Sykes,
	W. L. Killey,	J. L. Sprague.
Lonsdale.	B. Bourne,	
Christ,	G. A. Kent,	
	W. B. Whiting,	
	J. Geldard.	
Johnston.	E. O. Angell,	H. Sweet,
St. Peter's,	E. A. Angell,	W. S. Devereux,
	E. M. Winsor,	S. Steere,
	P. F. Brown.	R. Brown.
Bristol.	B. Hall,	J. Waldron,
St. Michael's,	J. W. D. Perry,	W. Fales,
	G. Pearce,	W. P. Monro.
	T. J. Usher.	
Warren.	C. T. Child.	
St. Mark's,	Jas. Gardner,	
	G. G. Hazard,	
	G. Wheaton.	
Newport.	D. King,	Edward King,
Trinity,	Samuel Powel,	G. Hall,
	M. C. Slocum,	J. H. Cozzens,
	W. Cornell.	M. Norman.

PLACES AND CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	SUBSTITUTES.
Newport.		
Zion,	S. T. Northam,	C. Devens,
	W. Rider,	C. B, Wilbour,
	Aug. Bush,	A. N. Littlefield,
	Ed. Van Zandt.	C. H. Mumford.
Emanuel,	T. Millington,	T. H. Oman,
	J. Steele,	E. Smith,
	G. Birkenshaw,	P. Marchington,
	P. Armstrong.	G. Dalton.
Portsmouth.		
St. Paul's,	J. Burrington,	W. Barker,
	B. Greene,	S. W. Chace,
	J. Thomas,	T. G. Potter,
	G. W. A. Howard.	C. Chase.
Jamestown.		
St. Matthew's,	W. A. Weeden,	C. Gardner,
	D. Clarke,	J. E. Howland,
	R. H. Watson,	B. R. Dockray,
	J. Cottrell, jun.	J. H. Hazard.
Westerly.		
Christ,	Lyndon Taylor,	E. H. Babcock,
	Rowse Babcock,	J. P. Campbell,
	O. D. Wells,	E. R. Brown,
	W. A. Hoxie.	D. Smith.
Wickford.		
St. Paul's,	Gideon Freeborn,	
	A. M. Thomas,	
	James Eldred,	
	S. H. Vaughan.	
Wakefield.		
Ascension,	G. N. Champlin,	
	Atmore Robinson,	
	Albert Robinson,	
	W. C. Watson.	
Tower Hill.		
St. Paul's,	F. P. Watson,	
	E. Oatley, jun.,	
	D. Caswell,	
	J. P. Dockray.	
E. Greenwich.		
St. Luke's,	J. H. Eldredge,	H. Fidler,
	R. Holden, 2d,	J. C. Brown,
	D. Greene,	S. Crompton,
	S. S. Whiting.	J. Milnor.
Crompton.		
St. Philips,	S. G. Bowen,	
	J. Campbell,	
	J. Slater,	
	J. Yates.	

The above Report was accepted.

The Roll was then called, when the following Clergymen and Laymen were found to be present:

CLERGY.

Rev. Geo. Anthony,	Rev. D. C. Millett,
" Lemuel Burge,	" Wm. H. Mills,
" B. B. Babbitt,	" K. J. Stewart,
" J. H. Carpenter,	" Geo. Taft,
" G. W. Chevers,	" B. P. Talbot,
" S. A. Crane,	" Joseph Trapnell, Jr.,
" N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	" T. H. Vail,
" A. B. Flanders,	" F. J. Warner,
" E. P. Gray,	" Henry Waterman,
" G. W. Hathaway,	" Benj. Watson,
" Daniel Henshaw,	" E. F. Watson,
" John Kelly,	" Hobart Williams.

LAITY.

Austin Gurney,	A. Thayer,
Robert H. Ives,	T. R. Dix,
R. M. Larned,	D. Lefavor,
Wm. T. Dorrance,	D. L. Peck,
Richmond Brownell,	Geo. S. Wardwell,
Edw. Walcott,	S. Greene,
William T. Grinnell,	E. H. Sprague,
S. Aug. Arnold,	S. N. Mason,
Resolved Waterman,	Daniel Hale,
Gideon Gurnett,	Nathan B. Sprague,
William Burrough,	W. L. Killey,
Wm. Field,	J. L. Sprague,
Joseph E. Cranston,	Baylies Bourne,
James Hutchison,	Geo. A. Kent,
Samuel Crins,	Jas. Geldard,
Ezra Hubbard,	G. Birkenshaw,
E. A. Angell,	P. Marchington,
E. M. Winsor,	P. Armstrong,
P. F. Brown,	G. W. A. Howard,
Benj. Hall,	Lyndon Taylor,
J. D. W. Perry,	Rowse Babcock,
Geo. Pearce,	O. D. Wells,
J. Waldron,	Gideon Freeborn,
C. T. Child,	A. M. Thomas,
Jas. Gardner,	James Eldred,
G. Wheaton,	S. H. Vaughan,

David King,	G. N. Champlin,
Samuel Powel,	W. C. Watson,
Marshall C. Slocum,	F. P. Watson,
Edward King,	J. P. Dockray,
Wm. Rider,	J. H. Eldredge,
Aug. Bush,	Randall Holden, 2d,
Edw. Van Zandt,	S. S. Whiting,
Chas. H. Mumford,	Henry Fidler,
T. Millington,	S. A. Bowen,

James Slater.

The Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D., was elected President of the Convention.

The following Resolution was then offered:

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the election of a Bishop this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

To which an amendment was offered, to strike out all after the word Resolved, and insert the following:

Whereas, There are now no sufficient salary and definite assurances of support to offer a Bishop in this Diocese, whereby he may be placed in a position of independence, becoming his high and important office:

Therefore *Resolved*, That, in this view of the circumstances, it is inexpedient for this Convention, at this time, to attempt an election: And that fairly to meet the difficulties of its present position, acting with mutual confidence, and with faith in God, this Convention will now proceed to make provision for raising a permanent fund for the support of the Episcopate.

Resolved, Furthermore, that a Committee of seven be appointed, to carry out the intention of these Resolutions,—to devise measures for raising said fund, and to make such appeals to the parishes as shall seem to them most proper. Said Committee to be appointed by the Convention, and to report at a Special Convention, if found possible, or at the next Annual Convention.

Pending the discussion of this amendment, the Convention adjourned until 7 o'clock, P. M.

St. John's Church, 7 o'clock.

The Convention met according to adjournment. The Amendment under discussion at the adjournment, was taken up.

A motion being made that said amendment be laid on the table, it was *negatived* by a *vote by orders*, as follows:

CLERICAL.

Yea.—Rev. Messrs. N. B. Crocker, D. D., K. J. Stewart, Geo. Taft, B. P. Talbot, Jos. Trapnell, Jr., Benj. Watson, E. F. Watson.—7.

Nay.—Rev. Messrs. G. Anthony, J. H. Carpenter, G. W. Chevers, S. A. Crane, E. P. Gray, D. Henshaw, J. Kelly, D. C. Millett, W. H. Mills, T. H. Vail, F. J. Warner, H. Waterman, H. Williams.—13.

PARISHES VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

St. John's Church, Providence; St.Paul's, N. Prov.; St. James', Woonsocket; St. Michael's, Bristol; Trinity, Newport; Zion, Newport; Emanuel, Newport.—7.

PARISHES VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

Grace Church, Providence; St. Stephen's, Providence; St. Andrew's, Providence; St. Thomas', Greenville; St. Peter's, Johnston; St. Mark's, Warren; St. Paul's, Portsmouth; Christ, Westerly; St. Paul's, Wickford; St. Luke's. E. Greenwich; St. Philip's Crompton.—11.

It was then moved that the following words in the first Resolution, namely: "that in this view of the circumstances, it is inexpedient for this Convention, at this time, to attempt an election, and"—be stricken out. A vote by orders being called for, it was carried in the affirmative, as follows.

CLERICAL.

Yea.—Rev. Messrs. G. Anthony, G. W, Chevers, S. A. Crane, N. B. Crocker, D. D., D. C. Millett, K. J. Stewart, B. P. Talbot, J. Trapnell, Jr., T. H. Vail, B. Watson, E. F. Watson.—11.

Nay.—Rev. Messrs. J. H. Carpenter, E. P. Gray, Daniel Henshaw, W. H. Mills, F. J. Warner, H. Waterman, Hobart Williams.—7.

PARISHES VOTING IN THE AFFIRMATVE.

St. John's Church, Providence; St. James', Woonsocket;

St. Michael's, Bristol; Trinity, Newport; Zion, Newport; Emanuel, Newport; St. Paul's, Portsmouth; Christ, Westerly; St. Philip's, Crompton.—9.

PARISHES VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

Grace Church, Providence; St. Stephen's, Providence; St. Andrew's, Providence; St. Thomas', Greenville; St. Peter's, Johnston; St. Mark's, Warren; St. Paul's, Wickford; St. Luke's, E. Greenwich.—8.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Amendment, as now amended, be laid on the table.

On motion, the election of a Bishop was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

On motion, adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

St. John's Church, Wednesday, Sept. 27th.

The Convention met according to adjournment. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. S. A. Crane. The Roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

On motion, the following gentlemen were appointed a Committee to prepare suitable Resolutions relative to the death of the late Bishop of New York: the Rev. Messrs. T. H. Vail, H. Waterman, and G. W. Hathaway.

The hour having arrived for the order of the day, it was

Resolved, That the Convention now proceed to the election of a Bishop.

After an interval for silent prayer, the Clergy retired, and, upon their return, announced through the Secretary, that they had nominated and appointed the Reverend Thomas March Clark, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Hartford, Conn., to the office of Bishop.

The Laity, having retired, on their return, announced that they had approved of the person nominated; Whereupon the Rev. Thomas March Clark, D. D., was declared to be duly elected.

The members of the Convention then proceeded to sign the Testimonial of the Bishop elect.

The Rev. Thomas H. Vail and Mr. W. T. Grinnell were appointed a Committee on the part of the Convention, to wait upon the Rev. Dr. Clark and inform him of his election to the Episcopate, and request his acceptance of the office.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rt. Rev. Bishop Williams be requested to perform those Episcopal Services in the Diocese, for which arrangements have been made.

The following Resolutions, presented by the Committee to whom the subject was referred, were then adopted:

"WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God, in His wise Providence, to take out of this world the soul of the Rt. Rev. Jonathan Mayhew Wainwright, D. D., D. C. L., ordained to the Holy Order of Deacons, thirty-eight years ago, by the late Bishop Griswold, at the Chancel of the very Church in which we are now assembled, and afterwards for several years a Presbyter of the Eastern Diocese, and our associate in the Conventions of the same, and lately the Provisional Bishop of the Diocese of New York; therefore,

Resolved, That, while deploring his loss, we cherish an affectionate memory of his many excellencies—his active devotion to the cause of Sunday Schools and of Christian education, his earnest zeal for Missions, his untiring interest in all benevolent agencies, and his "labors abundant" as the chief Pastor of our largest and most important Diocese.

Resolved, That his urbanity of manners, his consistent and conciliatory course of life, his comprehensive charity, and his gentle and unaffected piety, commend his example to his brethren and children of the Clergy, and call forth for the afflicted, the deepest and most tender sympathies of both clergy and people.

Resolved, That we, the members of this Convention, tender hereby our sincere condolence to the family so severely smitten by this dispensation, and to the Diocese so sorely bereaved.

Resolved, That the Secretary transmit to the widow of the departed Bishop, and to the President of the Standing Committee, and to the President of the Convention of the Diocese of New York, a copy of these Resolutions."

THOMAS H. VAIL,
HENRY WATERMAN,
G. W. HATHAWAY. } *Committee.*

The amendment to an amendment which was laid upon the table yesterday, was then, on motion, taken up and adopted.

The original Resolution, as thus amended, was adopted—reading thus:

WHEREAS, there are now no sufficient salary and definite assurances of support to offer a Bishop, in this Diocese, whereby he may be placed in a position of independence, becoming his high and holy office:

Therefore, *Resolved*, That fairly to meet the difficulties of its present position, acting with mutual confidence, and with faith in God, this Convention will now proceed to make provision for raising a permanent fnnd, for the support of the Episcopate.

Resolved, furthermore, That a Committee of seven be appointed to carry out the intention of these resolutions,—to devise measures for raising said fund, and to make such appeals to the parishes, as shall seem to them most proper. Said Committee to be appointed by the Convention, and to report at a Special Convention, if found possible, or at the next Annual Convention.

The following persons were appointed by the Convention as the Committee above provided for:

John Barstow, Daniel Hale,
Edward Walcott, Resolved Waterman,
William Fales, Edward King,
Rowse Babcock.

Voted, That 1000 copies of the Journal be printed for the use of the Diocese.

Voted, That the Sexton of St. John's Church be paid $8 for his services in attendance on the Convention.

The minutes of the entire proceedings of the Convention were then read by the Secretary.

After the singing of the 107th Selection of the Psalms, and the Benediction by the President, the Convention adjourned.

NATHAN B. CROCKER, *President*.
BENJAMIN WATSON, *Secretary*.

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OF THE

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church,

IN THE DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND,

HELD IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE,

TUESDAY 12th, AND WEDNESDAY 13th JUNE, 1855.

PROVIDENCE:
GEO. H. WHITNEY.

JOURNAL

OF THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE,
June 12th, 1855.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Rhode Island, the Bishop of the Diocese, and several of the Clergy and Laity, assembled at 10 1-2 o'clock, A. M., in St. John's Church, Providence.

The Rev. Thomas H. Vail and the Rev. Silas A. Crane read Morning Prayer. The Bishop officiated in the Ante-Communion Service, the Rev. Mr. Crane reading the Epistle. The Convention Sermon was preached by the Bishop from the text, Matt, xvi. 3, "*Can ye not discern the signs of the times?*" The Holy Communion was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Vail and Crane.

After Divine Service the Bishop took the Chair, and called the Convention to order. The Rev. William H. Mills was chosen Secretary pro. tem.

The following Committee on the Rights of Members to seats in the Convention, was then appointed by the Bishop:

Rev. T. H. Vail,	Robert H. Ives,
" Henry Waterman,	Samuel Greene.

The Bishop next presented a list of the Clergy of the Diocese, and the Lay Delegates presented their Certificates.

On motion, clergymen not entitled to seats in this body, and candidates for orders, who might be present, were invited to honorary seats in the Convention. Of such there were present, the Rev. Messrs. Goodwin, Withington, Townsend, Palmer and Wildes, of Mass., the Rev. Messrs. Gray and Denison of Conn., the Rev. A. G. Mercer, of Penn., the Rev. N. G. Allen, of N. Y.

The Convention then adjourned until 4 o'clock.

Tuesday afternoon, 4 o'clock.

The Convention met according to adjournment. It being stated to the Convention, that the Rev. A. B. Flanders was deprived of his vote by some mistake in receiving letters dimissory from Bishop Chase, it was voted that he be admitted to a seat and vote.

The Committee on the Rights of Members, reported the following Clergymen as entitled to a *seat and vote.*

*Rev. *George Anthony*,	Rev. Daniel Henshaw,
" Benj. B. Babbitt,	" John Kelly,
" *Lemuel Burge*,	" W. H. Mills,
" Darius R. Brewer,	" *George Taft*,
" James H. Carpenter,	" B. P. Talbot,
" George W. Chevers,	" Joseph Trapnell, Jr.,
" Silas A. Crane,	" T. H. Vail,
" N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	" F. J. Warner,
" James H. Eames,	" Henry Waterman,
" A. B. Flanders,	" *Elisha F. Watson*,
" G. W. Hathaway,	" *Hobart Williams*,

*Those whose names are in italics were not present in Convention.

Also the following as entitled to a *seat but not a vote.*

Rev. Daniel Leach, Rev. *E. W. Stokes,*
" *K. J. Stewart,* " *Benjamin Watson.*

The following LAY DELEGATES and Substitutes, were reported as having been duly elected by their respective parishes:

PLACES AND CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	SUBSTITUTES.
Providence.		
St. John's,	Wm. T. Dorrance,	*Wm. Goddard,*
	Robert H Ives,	*Geo. H. Whitney,*
	Ezra W. Howard,	*Amasa Paine,*
	R. M. Larned,	*Seth Adams, Jr.*
Grace,	S. Augustus Arnold,	*Alex. Hodges,*
	Welcome B. Sayles,	*S. C. Kinsley,*
	George W. Chapin,	Wm. B. Rider,
	Francis E. Hoppin,	*James Jacobs.*
St. Stephen's,	Resolved Waterman,	*Wm. Binney,*
	G. Gurnett,	*Jas. H. Mumford,*
	Wm. Field,	*J. N. Shearman,*
	Wm. Burrough.	*C. E. Whitaker.*
St Andrew's,	*James Hutchison,*	*Geo. Andrews,*
	E. C. Franklin,	*Wm. H. Wilson,*
	Jos. Cranston,	*Jas. E. Simmons,*
	Arnold Peters,	*Henry Field.*
N. Providence.		
St. Paul's,	*Alanson Thayer,*	*Daniel Wilkinson,*
	S. H. Vinson,	*G. L. Spencer,*
	Thos. R. Dix,	*N. Fairbrother,*
	D. L. Peck.	*Chas. Paine.*
Woonsocket		
St. James's,	Geo. S. Wardwell,	*Eli Pond,*
	Samuel Greene,	*Edward Bacon,*
	Geo. C. Wilson,	*Charles Sayles,*
	Stephen N. Mason,	*A. J. Varney.*
Manville.		
Emanuel,	*B. C. Hill,*	*Jas. Buxton,*
	Daniel Hale,	*Russel Handy,*
	W. W. Waterman,	*N. Phillips,*
	Wm. H. Beebe.	*Carlisle Vose.*
Greeneville.		
St. Thomas,	*N. B. Sprague,*	J. S. Sprague,
	Wm. L. Killey,	*H. W. King,*
	Anthony Steere,	*Lewis Crafts,*
	Thomas Barnes.	*James Sykes.*
Lonsdale.		
Christ,	Baylies Bourne,	*James Congdon,*
	Jas. Geldard,	*S. N. Bourne,*
	G. A. Kent,	*Edward Congdon,*
	John Kilburn,	*Wm. Pallet.*

PLACES AND CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	SUBSTITUTES
Johnston. St. Peter's,	*Edward M. Winsor,*	*Sterry Sweet,*
	Pardon F. Brown,	*Richard Brown,*
	Edward Hale,	*Isaac Brown,*
	Edmund A. Angell.	*Wm. S. Devereaux.*
Bristol. St. Michael's,	Benjamin Hall,	
	Geo. Pearce,	
	F. J. Usher,	
	J. D. W. Perry.	
Warren. St. Mark's,	James Gardner,	*E. G. Wheaton,*
	Geo. Lewis Cooke,	*Daniel B. Wheaton,*
	Charles T. Child,	*Haile Collins,*
	George Wheaton.	*Wm. H. Turner.*
Newport. Trinity,	*David King,*	*Edward King,*
	Samuel Powell,	George Hall,
	M. C. Slocum,	*John H. Cozzens,*
	Duncan C. Pell.	*Moses Normans.*
Zion,	*Stephen T. Northam,*	*Charles Deven,*
	William Rider,	*A. N. Littlefield,*
	Augustus Bush,	*C. H. Mumford,*
	C. B. Wilbour.	George Cozzens.
Emanuel,	Thomas Millington,	
	Edward Smith,	
	W. H. Brundrige,	
	Thomas Moore.	
Portsmouth. St. Paul's,	John Burrington,	
	Benjamin Greene,	
	Joseph Thomas,	
	Geo. W. A. Howard.	
Jamestown. St. Matthew's,	No Credentials.	
Westerly. Christ,	Lyndon Taylor,	*Rouse Babcock,*
	H. N. Campbell,	*Edwin Babcock,*
	Edwin R Babcock,	*O. D. Wells,*
	Horace Babcock.	*David Smith.*
Wickford. St. Paul's,	A. M. Thomas,	*J. J. Reynolds,*
	Gideon Freeborn,	*S. H. Vaughan,*
	Jas. Eldred,	*G. Sagendorph,*
	Wm. A. Shaw.	*H. N. Reynolds.*
Wakefield. Ascension,	No Credentials.	

PLACES AND CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	SUBSTITUTES.
Tower Hill. St. Paul's,	No Credentials.	
E. Greenwich. St. Luke's,	*J. H. Eldredge,*	H. Fidler,
	J. B. Peirce,	*J. C. Brown,*
	D. Greene,	*S. Crompton,*
	S. S. Whiting.	*S. B. Wickes.*
Crompton. St. Philip's,	*Samuel G. Bowen,*	*John Bigbie,*
	John Campbell,	*Alex. Cunningham,*
	Jas. Slater,	*Wm. Taylor,*
	D. Tiffany.	*Jas. Hamilton.*

The above Report was adopted.

The Roll of the Clergy and Lay Delegates was then called.

The Convention next proceeded to ballot for a Secretary. The Rev. Wm. H. Mills was declared to have been elected.

The Bishop then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Clergy and the Laity:

On the sixth day of December, 1854, I received consecration in Grace Church, Providence, as Bishop of the Diocese of Rhode Island. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Dr. Crocker, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Brewer, and the Consecration office was performed by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Brownell, Presiding Bishop, assisted by Bishops J. H. Hopkins, of Vermont, G. W. Doane, of New Jersey, Manton Eastburn, of Massachusetts, George Burgess, of Maine, John Williams, of Connecticut, H. W. Lee, of Iowa, Horatio Potter, of New York, and Horatio Southgate, late Missionary Bishop at Constantinople. The six senior Bishops united in the laying on of hands. The sermon was preached by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Hopkins. Nearly all the Clergy of the Diocese, and a large number from other regions, were present and engaged in the solemn services. May the memory of the vows which were then assumed, ever serve to keep me faithful, and grace be given unto me "to hold up the weak, heal the sick, bind up the broken, bring again the outcasts, and seek the lost."

It is a great responsibility to be endowed with this high office, and peculiar gifts are needed, when one is called to fol-

low in the footsteps of such men as Griswold and Henshaw. I shall be thankful, if I am able to administer the diocese with the same mildness and firmness, which were so beautifully combined in them. I have commenced my labors amongst you, cheered and strengthened by the thought that I have your hearty and unanimous good-will; and I am confident that in every wise and prudent measure, I shall receive your efficient co-operation.

Since the last Annual Convention, one of your number has been removed from the church militant to the church triumphant, whose name is closely identified with the growth and prosperity of this Diocese The Rev. John Bristed, late Rector of St. Michael's Church, Bristol, will not be soon forgotten. He was a man, always true to his convictions, transparent and out-spoken almost to a fault, of the most elastic and untiring energy, of extraordinary executive ability, of varied and accurate knowledge, and always ready to sacrifice his own comfort, when there was work to be done for his Divine Master. He has left his mark upon the State, and many of our parishes may be said to owe their existence to his enterprise and liberality. For some years past, disease had shattered his earthly tenement, and clouds obscured the radiance of his brilliant mind; but he has now laid aside all these infirmities, and we doubt not, walks in glory, breathing the clear, invigorating air of Paradise.

On the evening of December 6th, a Missionary meeting was held in Grace Church, Providence, where a large number of the clergy and laity, who had assembled in the morning at the consecration service, came together again to consider the spiritual wants of the world. Addresses were made by the Rev. Dr. Van Kleeck, Secretary of the Domestic Committee of the General Board of Missions, the Rev. Dr. A. H. Vinton, of Boston, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Lee, Bishop of the Diocese of Iowa, and myself A liberal collection was taken, as the beginning of a fund, to be invested in lands, for the extension of the Church in the State of Iowa.

On the evening of December 15th, I preached to a large congregation in St. Stephen's Church, Providence; and on the third Sunday in Advent, visited St. James' Church, Woonsocket. I preached in the morning, and seventeen persons then came forward to receive the holy rite of confirmation. Every thing in this parish indicates a high degree of temporal and spiritual prosperity. The time cannot be far distant, when their growing necessities will demand the erection of a new and still larger church than that now occupied.

In the afternoon I preached in Emmanuel Church, Manville, and ten persons were confirmed. The Rev. Francis J. Warner has taken the rectorship of this church, and there is every reason to believe that his labors will be abundantly blessed. The services at this place were rendered peculiarly solemn by the hallowed recollections of that beloved brother, whose bright and holy career was so suddenly arrested by a violent death while he was in charge of Emmanuel Church. Some of those who were presented for confirmation, had received their preparatory instruction from the lips of our departed friend; and we could not but feel that his glorified spirit must be filled with a higher joy and his voice give out a loftier note of praise, in seeing these children of his thus witness their good profession. You have learned to revere and love Samuel Penny, a man so gentle, and yet so firm for the right, so full of truth, and yet so full of charity—one whom we would instinctively call "the beloved disciple." It must have seemed to you as though he could hardly be spared; but God had work for him to do in other worlds, and so He took him.

In the evening I returned to Woonsocket, and preached again in St. James' Church.

The quarterly meeting of the Convocation was held on the 10th and 11th of January, in Christ Church, Westerly. Fifteen clergymen of the Diocese were present, and we were also favored with the attendance of the Rev. Dr. Hallam and the Rev. Mr. Bronson, of Connecticut. In a compact Diocese like this, there could not be contrived a more effective missionary organization than the Convocation. It brings the clergy together, at stated intervals, to confer upon matters of the most practical interest, they become familiar with the spiritual wants of the State, they know, each for himself, just what the funds are actually accomplishing, and, still further, every clergyman has a personal control over the distribution of our offerings. The public services held in connection with the Convocation also serve to invigorate the parishes, to keep alive the spirit of religion, and confirm the bonds of Christian unity. I preached on Tuesday evening, at the opening of the Convocation, catechised the children on Wednesday, and preached again on Thursday evening, when twelve persons were confirmed. A special seriousness has for some time pervaded this parish, and the Rector had peculiar reason to rejoice in the fact that his own children were among the number who consecrated their youthful energies to God.

On Quinquagesima Sunday, February 18th, at the request of Bishop Brownell, I confirmed thirteen persons in Christ

Church, Hartford. The sermon was preached by Bishop Williams, and Bishop Brownell assisted in the confirmation office. The Rev. Dr. Wheaton, formerly Rector of the Church, was also present in the chancel. This was an occasion of great solemnity, as it was the last Sunday but one of my ministration in a Church where, for four years, I had been allowed to officiate amongst a people to whom I had become most warmly attached, who had made every burden light, and given me their sincerest and constant sympathy. May the Lord bless them abundantly! I entered upon my labors, as Rector of Grace Church, Providence, on the second Sunday in Lent. Since the death of the lamented Bishop Henshaw, this Church had, for the most part, been supplied by the Rev. Henry Burroughs, under whose judicious and faithful superintendence, perfect harmony and peace were uniformly enjoyed.

On the fourth Sunday in Lent, March 18th, I visited Christ Church, Lonsdale, preached in the afternoon and evening, and confirmed thirty-one. On Saturday evening, March 31st, I preached in Emmanuel Church, Newport, and confirmed eleven. The Rev Mr. Stewart has resigned the charge of this parish, and the Rev. Mr. Brewer, late Minister of Trinity Church, Newport, has taken the Rectorship. Efforts are now in progress for the erection of a new Church, and very soon we may expect to see the walls rising. A suitable lot of land has been presented to the parish, and nearly all the funds needed to defray the cost of the building, have been secured. The Rev. Mr. Brewer has devoted himself to this enterprise, with a most commendable spirit of self-sacrifice, and I am confident that he will see the work of the Lord prosper in his hands. I also confirmed, in private, on Saturday evening, an officer in the United States service, connected with Trinity Church, who was unable from illness to attend public worship. On the next day, the Sunday before Easter, I preached in Trinity Church, Newport, and confirmed twenty-two. It is a matter of sincere congratulation that this venerable parish has secured the services of the Rev. Alex. G. Mercer, late Professor in the University of Pennsylvania, who has already entered upon his duties in Newport. In the afternoon of the same day, I preached in St. Mary's Church, Portsmouth, and confirmed six. The Rev. Mr. Millett has resigned the Rectorship of this Church and removed to New Jersey. It is at present supplied by the Rev. Mr. Williams.

In the evening, I preached in Zion Church, Newport, and confirmed fifteen. The Rev. Mr. Watson has resigned the charge of this parish, and removed to Rochester, in the Dio-

cese of Western New York. The Church is still vacant, but I trust that some able and faithful man may soon be found to fill this important post of usefulness.

April 11th, the annual meeting of the Convocation was held in Christ Church, Lonsdale. The private deliberations were marked by the most entire harmony, and but one desire seemed to fill every heart. The attendance of the clergy was large, and a new impulse given to our Diocesan Missions. The children of the parish were openly catechized by the Rector, and addressed by myself. Their prompt and accurate answers showed their admirable training. On Thursday evening, I preached and confirmed twelve persons, making in all forty-three who have ratified their baptismal vows in this parish during the present season. This fact sufficiently illustrates the condition of the Church in Lonsdale.

On the first Sunday after Easter, April 15th, I preached in St. Andrew's Church, Providence, and confirmed thirteen. A blessing attends the labors of him who has the oversight of this flock, and I trust that, before many years, he may see the walls of his Church enlarged to accommodate a much greater number of worshippers than can be gathered within the present restricted limits.

On the 17th of April I confirmed a sick person in private, who had been under the pastoral care of the Rev. Mr. Babbitt. He is laboring with assiduity and good promise of success in Olneyville, and has already collected quite a number of English people, who rejoice to hear the prayers of their old mother church in a strange land. It is to be hoped that proper efforts will ere long be made to secure a permanent footing for the Church in the region of Olneyville, and that our faithful missionary there will not much longer be obliged to depend entirely upon his own resources for a livelihood. "They who preach the gospel, should live of the gospel."

On the second Sunday after Easter, April 22d, I visited St. Michael's Church, Bristol, preached and confirmed five persons. Severe and protracted sickness, followed by death, in the Rector's family, had prevented him from giving that attention to the preparation of candidates for confirmation which would have resulted in the coming forward of a large number.

In the afternoon I preached in St. Mark's Church, Warren, and confirmed eight. Divine service was also held in the evening, when I addressed the young men. The parishes in Bristol and Warren appear to be in a thriving condition.

On the third Sunday after Easter, April 29th, I confirmed twenty-five in Grace Church, Providence. The general duties

of the Diocese have thus far hindered me from giving that attention to my own parish, which is essential to its prosperity. Nearly all the visitations have been made on Sunday, which of necessity has seriously interfered with my regular ministrations at home. I am greatly indebted to my brethren of the clergy, who have kindly supplied my place in Grace Church, while I have been engaged elsewhere.

On the fifth Sunday after Easter, May 13th, I preached in St. Peter's Church, Johnston, and confirmed six. Under the efficient ministry of the Rector, this congregation have outgrown the capacity of the building in which they now worship, and steps have accordingly been taken for the erection of a new Church. By very earnest effort, the Rev. Mr. Mills has succeeded in raising, within a few hundred dollars, the sum necessary to build a commodious stone Church, and as he has devoted all his own salary for the current year towards this object, I cannot believe that the churchmen of this Diocese will hesitate to complete the subscription, so that the Church may be consecrated when it is completed, and our brother go on his way rejoicing.

On the 15th of May I preached in the Church of the Holy Cross, Middletown, and on Ascension day, in St. Stephen's Church, Providence, when the Holy Communion was administered. In the evening, I preached in St. John's Church.

On the Sunday after Ascension, May 20th, I again preached in St. John's Church, Providence, and confirmed twenty-two. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Cowell, of Maine, as the illness of the Rector rendered him unable to officiate. The whole community rejoice that he is permitted once more to resume his place in the sanctuary, where, for more than half a century, he has so ably preached that gospel which he has so faithfully lived. May he be spared to the Church for many years.

On Tuesday morning, May 22d, I preached in St. Paul's Church, Tower Hill, and in the Church of the Ascension, Wakefield, where two persons were confirmed. I was accompanied in this visitation by the Rev. Mr. Eames, whose faithful services in Wakefield and the vicinity, in days past, are still gratefully remembered. The Church at Wakefield has been closed for some time, but a large and influential congregation like this ought not to be scattered as sheep without a shepherd.

On the 23d of May I preached in St. Stephen's Church, Providence, and confirmed sixteen. The Church was crowded, and everything in this parish shows the existence of a high tone of spiritual life.

On Whitsunday, May 27th, I preached in St. Paul's Church,

North Providence, and confirmed twenty-seven. At the request of the Rector, I preached again in the evening, to the young men of the place. It was a pleasant evidence of fraternal, Christian communion, that the neighboring congregation of Trinity Church, Pawtucket, in the Diocese of Massachusetts, united with us in both these services, the Rector of Trinity assisting the Rev. Mr. Taft.

On the 30th of May I preached to a large congregation in St. Matthew's Church, Jamestown. Besides the Minister of the Parish, the Rev. Messrs. Brewer, Williams, Stewart, Flanders and Carpenter were present on the occasion. We were much indebted to the choir of Emmanuel Church, Newport, who gave us their valuable aid in the praises of the sanctuary.

On Trinity Sunday, June 3d, I visited St. Thomas' Church, Greeneville, preached and confirmed six persons. This parish has never been in so healthy a condition as it is now; and it is a noble monument of the zeal and patient labor of the missionary who laid its foundation and has completed the superstructure. The same work which he has so faithfully accomplished in Greenville, he is now prosecuting in other places, where we hope to see the same favorable results.

On Tuesday, June 5th, I preached in St. Paul's Church, North Portsmouth. The Rev. N. G. Allen, late of the Diocese of New York, has accepted the Rectorship of this church, and entered upon his labors. A new chancel has been added to the church, and the building repaired and painted throughout. The aspect of affairs in this parish has never been more promising than it is now.

On Wednesday, June 6th, I preached at the missionary station, Fiskeville, under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Chevers, and confirmed three. A commodious building has been secured, and at very small expense, fitted for the services of the church in a neat and appropriate manner. The singing is good, the responses are prompt, and the demeanor of the congregation serious and attentive. There is nothing to hinder the firm establishment of the Church in this thriving village.

On the first Sunday after Trinity, June 10th, I visited St. Paul's Church, North Kingstown, examined the children in the Catechism, preached and confirmed two persons. The members of this parish have manifested a very commendable regard for the comfort of their Rector, by the erection of a neat and pleasant parsonage for his use. Our Clergy would be much more likely to be permanent, if the same provision were made in all our parishes.

In the afternoon I preached in St. Luke's Church, East

Greenwich, and confirmed thirteen. The Rector has great cause to rejoice in the spiritual condition of his flock.

In the evening I preached in St. Philip's Church, Crompton, and confirmed two.

The Rev. Mr. Carpenter was with us in the morning, and assisted in the services. He continues to officiate for the parishes in this vicinity, and has supplied the Church at Wakefield on several occasions.

On the 11th of June I confirmed two sick persons in Providence, who were presented by the Rev. Mr. Henshaw.

The general condition of the Church in this Diocese may be reported as, in all respects, favorable. A spirit of harmony seems to prevail everywhere, a sober conservatism is united with a wholesome adaptation of the church to "the exigencies of times and occasions," and the clergy give themselves mainly to the great work of bringing men into vital union with Christ.

The whole number whom I have confirmed is three hundred and two; within the Diocese, two hundred and eighty nine. The Rev. Edward P. Gray has taken letters dimissory to the Diocese of Connecticut, and the Rev. D. C. Millett to the Diocese of New Jersey. The Rev. A. B. Flanders has been received into the Diocese from the Diocese of New Hampshire, and the Rev. Daniel Leach from the Diocese of Massachusetts. Mr. A. Dalton, late a minister of the Baptist denomination, has been received as a candidate for holy orders. I find upon the list of candidates the names of three other persons, viz: F. W. Anthony, Eaton W. Maxcy, Jr., and Otto Sievers Barton.

I have received official notice from Bishop Kemper, of the deposition from the ministry of the Rev. E. A. Greenleaf; from Bishop Rutledge, of the deposition of the Rev. Isaac Swart; from Bishop Smith, of the deposition of Rev. W. W. Dodge; from Bishop De Lancey, of the deposition of the Rev. Benj. W. Whitcher; and from Bishop Horatio Potter, of the deposition of the Rev. Homer Wheaton—all in accordance with Canon V. of 1850.

A communication has been received from the Managers of the Bishop White Prayer Book Society, earnestly requesting that contributions may be made to their funds from all our parishes. The full value of all the money thus given will be returned to the donors, or to the diocese in Prayer Books. In connection with our Diocesan missionary operations, there is a constant demand for cheap Prayer Books, which can be fully met if the parishes will respond to the call of this society.

This subjects the inquiry whether greater efficiency may not be given to the Depository Board, upon which it devolves "to

superintend and control the purchase, publication and distribution of church books and tracts within the diocese." In selecting books for Sunday school libraries, for distribution to candidates for confirmation, and various other purposes, it would be a great convenience to have some arrangement by which our general publication societies might be induced to deposit their books and tracts for sale. It is difficult intelligently to select a Sunday school library from the catalogue alone ; a personal examination of the works is often desirable. If it were also understood that individuals, willing to aid those clergymen who have but scanty means of their own to expend in books, might send to such a depository any theological or other useful works, to be distributed through the diocese, according to the discretion of the board and direction of the donors, a great good might be effected. There are multitudes of pamphlets and books, lying neglected in the houses of our citizens, which they would cheerfully send to those who would be likely to read them, if attention were only called to the subject, and persons knew how to do it conveniently. The mechanic considers it indispensible that he should have a good collection of tools, and books are the tools of the clergy. But how few are provided with the standard works of our best writers, and how impossible it is for our clergy to save anything from their incomes to meet this necessity.

I would direct your attention to the canon which prescribes an annual collection in all our churches, " for the relief of widows and orphans of deceased clergymen, and also of superannuated and infirm clergymen." There is no class of persons who, in these times, are less able to lay by in store against the evil day, than the clergy. They are expected to live in the average style of the society amidst which they are cast ; they must give their full proportion in aid of every good object ; and yet, in most of our dioceses, the pecuniary compensation of the majority is less than they can earn if they toiled with their hands for a livelihood. In some denominations of Christians a comfortable provision is made for the ministers of the Gospel, when sickness or old age incapacitates them for labor, and the dying servant of Christ may commit his soul to God, undisturbed by the thought that, after he is gone, his little family will be left to eat the bitter bread of poverty. In a church wealthy as our own, why should not a similar provision be made ?

I trust that the Convention will also consider the necessity which exists for giving renewed efficiency to the Board of Education. There are now five or six places, where the Church would undoubtedly be established, if we were able to station

there the right sort of missionaries. We want men of a patient, self-denying spirit, and willing to labor for a while for a moderate support ; men of good, practical sense, who understand the character of the people amongst whom they minister, and can adapt themselves to their habits and peculiarities; men of genuine, earnest piety. For this pioneer work we need, as a general rule, young men untrammelled by local or domestic ties, and ready to identify themselves thoroughly with their mission. The number of our candidates would be much increased if the Board were able to say, we will educate as many young men, of suitable character and talents, as will consecrate themselves to the ministry of the church. Since the death of your late lamented diocesan, but little has been done in this department of Christian benevolence. Meanwhile, all over the land, the cry is becoming more and more intense, "the laborers are few."

I would take this occasion to express my entire confidence in the Berkeley Divinity School, recently established in Middletown, Connecticut, as in all respects an excellent institution for training young men to the work of the ministry. The pupils in this school are likely to receive such instruction as the necessities demand. The professors understand the present peculiarities of the New England mind, they comprehend the problems which the Church is here called to solve, and they will educate their students in such a manner that they will know how to defend themselves against living foes.

If we had the men and the means, the operations of our Missionary Convocation might be indefinitely extended. Nearly all its receipts are derived from sewing societies, to the members of which great honor is due ; but it should be considered that this leaves our laymen with nothing to do in aid of the Church's extension in Rhode Island. Why should not they participate in this important work of Diocesan Missions ? If the spiritual wants of the State were better understood, a higher zeal would be enkindled in this cause. Manufacturing villages are multiplying all around us, very poorly supplied with any valuable and wholesome religious instruction, where, if we only get possession in due season, a strong and permanent hold will be secured. There is no other body of Christians in all respects so well adapted to meet the real wants of these places, as our own communion. The soberness of our services comes like a cool, refreshing and invigorating influence, after the the wild-fire of fanaticism has burnt over a community ; the simplicity and moderation of our creeds recommend the Church to those who are wearied with the subtleties of modern systems of theology ; and the exclusion of politics and ephemeral topics

from our pulpits must attract those who have grown hungry for the plain bread of life.

It should be our aim to compass the State, and we can do it, God helping us, if we have the will. Popular prejudice must give way before the earnest preaching of the Word, and the consistent lives of those who preach. Let us cultivate among ourselves the spirit of fraternal love, abjure all party names, avoid all impracticable theories, identify ourselves with the spiritual interests of those about us, make society feel that the church is alive, addressing herself earnestly to the very work which Christ established the church to do, then our Zion will arise and shine.

Brethren, let us ever stand face to face with the solemn realities of eternity ; let us remember how short a time we have to labor on earth, and what tremendous issues hang upon our labors ; let us often find our way to Calvary ; let us keep ourselves unspotted from the world, coming to the altar with clean hands and a pure heart, and then we shall be ready, whenever the Master calleth for us, to give account of our stewardship.

The Bishop having again taken the Chair, appointed the following Committees :

Of Finance.	*On Unfinished Business.*
G. S. Wardwell,	Rev. G. W. Hathaway,
R. M. Larned,	" Benj. B. Babbitt,
Augustus Bush,	Daniel Hale.

The Treasurer of the Convention then presented his Report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee also presented their Annual Report, as follows :

The Standing Committee of this Diocese, elected by the Convention at the annual meeting in June, 1854, assembled pursuant to notice for that purpose, and held their first meeting at the house of the Rev. Dr. Crocker, on the 27th day of said June. At which meeting the Rev. Dr. Crocker was elected President, and Thomas Burgess, Secretary.

A communication was presented from the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Iowa, requesting the assent and approval of the Rev. Henry W. Lee, D. D., as Bishop of the said Diocese of Iowa. The canonical testimonials in the case being read and found satisfactory, the committee assented to the consecration of Dr. Lee to the office before named, and signed the required testimonials in his behalf.

The Right Rev. Bishop Williams made a Report of his official services within this Diocese during the past year, which was read and received, and thereupon it was ordered that the same be annexed to, and published with, the Report of the Standing Committee, made at the Annual Convention in June, 1854.

The Rev. Alonzo B. Flanders, from the Diocese of New Hampshire, changed his residence to that of Rhode Island as of the seventh day of June, 1854.

And the Rev. Benjamin B. Babbitt changed his residence to that of Rhode Island as of the second day of June, 1854.

The Rev. Wm. H. Good, a Presbyter of Tennessee, was deposed from the ministry of that Diocese on the 20th of June, 1854.

A Committee, consisting of Messrs. Taft, Waterman and Hathaway, was appointed to examine Mr. Philip Tocque, as to his qualifications for Priest's orders.

The President, Doctor Crocker, was requested to communicate with Bishop Williams, of Connecticut, and to arrange with him for his visitations to this Diocese, and to perform such official duties as might be required of him, in accordance with the vote of the Convention, and that he should be requested to make the visitations in the course of the Autumn of 1854.

The documents, with a communication from the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Wisconsin, were presented, requesting the approbation and assent of this Committee to the election of the Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., as Bishop of the Diocese of Wisconsin—which document being read and found satisfactory, the Committee gave their assent to the election of the said Doctor Kemper to the office before named, and signed the testimonials required.

The Rev. Philip Tocque requested to be transferred from this Diocese to the Diocese of Massachusetts, and his documents were signed by the Committee.

The Rev. George W. Chevers was recommended for Priest's orders, and the Right Rev. Bishop Williams, of Connecticut, was requested to ordain him to that holy office; which service was performed by Bishop Williams, at St. James's Church, in New London, on Sunday, the 8th day of October, 1854.

The Rev. John W. Keown, Deacon, was deposed from the Ministry in the Diocese of Montreal, by Bishop Whitehouse, of the Diocese of Illinois, under Canon V, 1850—deposed Sept. 28th, 1854.

In compliance with requests presented to the Committee, it was voted, at a meeting holden on the 30th day of August, 1854, that a special meeting of the Convention of the Diocese

should be called, and held at St. John's Church, in Providence, on Tuesday the 26th day of September, 1854, for the purpose of electing a Bishop, and acting on such other subcts enumerated in the notice, as might be deemed expedient, of which meeting due and public notice was given.

Which meeting, so called, was held on the 26th day of September, 1854, and the said Convention elected the Rev. THOMAS MARCH CLARK, D. D., of Hartford, Connecticut, Bishop of the Diocese of Rhode Island.

The Standing Committee, at a meeting held on the said 26th day of September, appointed the President, the Secretary, and the Rev. Thomas H. Vail, a Committee to prepare the papers necessary for the application to the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses, for their assent to the consecration of Doctor Clark to the Episcopate of this Diocese.

And the Secretary at the same meeting was also appointed a Committee to forward the papers to the Standing Committees of the several Dioceses, and to make the necessary returns to the Right Rev. Presiding Bishop.

The President of the Committee was instructed to communicate to Bishop Brownell the wish of this Committee, that if he should deem it convenient, the consecration of the Bishop elect for the Diocese of Rhode Island may take place at Grace Church, in Providence.

The documents, with a communication from the Standing Committee of the Diocese of New York, requesting the assent of this Committee to the consecration of the Rev. Horatio Potter, D. D., as provisional Bishop of the said Diocese of New York; which documents and request being read and considered, the Committee gave their assent to the consecration of the said Rev. Horatio Potter, D. D., as requested, and signed the requisite papers for that purpose.

The Consecration of the REV. THOMAS MARCH CLARK, D. D., Bishop elect for the Diocese of Rhode Island, was by the Right Rev. Bishop Brownell, Senior Bishop in the United States, appointed to take place on Wednesday, the sixth day of December, 1854, at Grace Church, and the Rev. Doctor Crocker, President of the Standing Committee, was appointed to communicate with Bishop Brownell in relation to the consecration and to make all suitable arrangements therefor.

In addition to the Right Rev. Bishop Brownell, Senior Bishop, the following Bishops were invited by the Standing Committee, to attend the consecration of Doct. Clark, and share in the duties thereof, viz: The Right Rev. Bishop Hopkins, of Vermont; the Right Rev. Bishop Eastburn, of Massachusetts; the

Right Rev. Bishop Chase, of New Hampshire; the Right Rev. Bishop Burgess, of Maine; and the Right Rev. Assistant Bishop Williams, of Connecticut; and to them respectively communications by the Secretary were duly made—and the Treasurer of the Diocese was authorized and requested to pay the expenses of the said Rev. Bishops, incurred by them in attending the said consecration.

The Vestry of Grace Church were, by vote, requested to make the necessary arrangements in and about the Church for the services of the consecration; and Messrs. Hathaway and Walcott were appointed to confer with the said Vestry as to the arrangements, and to give such public and other notice of said consecration as they should think proper.

The President of the Standing Committee presented and laid before the Committee, at their meeting on the eleventh day of April last, certain letters, documents and official papers, in relation to the acts and doings of the Rev. Eli W. Stokes, of Monrovia, which were read, and on consideration, were referred to Messrs. Vail and Hathaway for examination, and report thereon; and at the meeting of the Committee by adjournment on the thirteenth of said April, the said Committe, made a full report, with the Canons touching the subject, and the remedies applicable to the case, which, being fully considered, it was voted that the documents and official papers, with the report of the Committee be delivered to the Right Rev. Bishop Clark; and that Messrs. Vail and Hathaway, of the Committee, wait upon, and lay before him, more at large, the Canons on which the Committee rest, and the appropriate steps to bring the complaints to a final and early conclusion.

The Rev. Asa Dalton, of Newport, an ordained Minister of the Baptist denomination, applied, and was recommended to the Bishop as a candidate for Holy Orders; his time to commence on the 11th day of May, 1855.

THOMAS BURGESS, *Secretary.*

To the Annual Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island.

June 12th, 1855.

The Report from the Board of Missions was, at their request, deferred until to-morrow.

The Board of Education and the Board of Sunday Schools had no Report to present.

The Reports from the Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes, and from the Depository Board were deferred until to-morrow.

The Report from the Board for relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, was received and referred to the Committee of Finance.

The Bishop was then presented with the following Parochial Reports:

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms—Adults, 9; Infants, 30; total, 39. Confirmations, 22. Communicants—added, 27. Sunday School—Teachers, 24; Scholars, 238; average attendance, 129. The children have contributed, $156,56 to Foreign and Domestic Missions. One hundred and fifty copies of religious papers are distributed amongst them monthly. "Our duty and desire," says the excellent Superintendent, "alike point to a missionary work in the parish." A beginning has been made by an experienced female teacher. She has picked up in the streets 55 neglected children; from 30 to 40 of whom meet her on Saturday of each week, and are taught to sew, to repeat and sing hymns, and are orally instructed in moral and religious truths. This enterprise was begun in December, and if our expectations of success are half realized, teachers must be had; and those "who appreciate the importance of carrying instruction to the homes of the poor" will give us a hearty co-operation.

The colored school has a large number upon its catalogue, but the average attendance is but a little over 60. There are 16 Teachers.

Our contributions have been rather less than usual, especially to the China Mission. The withdrawal of the Rev. Mr. Syle from the foreign field accounts for it. But the apostolic injunction "to do good and to communicate" has not been forgotten. $3,650 have been given to various objects the past year, apart from the annual cost of worshipping, and $7,000 for the Sunday School edifice.

N. B. CROCKER, *Rector.*

GRACE CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms—Adults, 7; Infants, 3; total, 10. Communicants, 330. Sunday School—Teachers, 22; Scholars, 162. Confirmed, 24. Marriages, 3. Burials, 4. Sunday Offerings, $896,88; Communion Alms, $281,49; other contributions, $900; total, 1178,37.

The present Rector entered upon the charge of this parish on the first of March, previous to which time there is no record of any baptisms, or other official acts during the year. About five thousand dollars worth of pews have been recently sold by the

corporation, and it is hoped that the time is not far off when the church will be completed according to the original design.

THOMAS M. CLARK, *Rector.*

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms—Adults, 7; Infants, 25; total, 32. Confirmations, 16. Communicants—added, 25; died or removed, 20; present number, about 145. Marriages, 9. Burials, 12.

The condition of our Sunday School can be scarcely deemed satisfactory. One explanation of it may be found in the fact, that, of all the gentlemen in the parish, one only, is, at present, connected with the school. The number of Teachers is 15; the actual attendance of pupils is about 60.

The missionary and other charitable offerings of the parish, for the past year, have been *seven hundred dollars;* of which sum, *two hundred and forty-one dollars* constituted our Easter Communion Alms, in behalf of diocesan missions.

Our Sunday Offerings, for the year ending April 1, rose to upwards of $400, but as they are paid into the Parish Treasury for Parish purposes, they are not reckoned among our *charitable* offerings.

This annual report of our condition would be incomplete, if it omitted to state that the last remnant of our *Parish Debt* has been extinguished, since the last Convention, by the payment of about eight hundred dollars.

H. WATERMAN, *Rector.*

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms—Adults, 7; Infants, 11; Total, 18. Confirmations, 15. Communicants—died, 1; present number, 54. Marriages, 1. Burials, 12. Sunday School—Teachers, 9; Scholars, 80. Communion Alms and special Offerings, $180,58¼, appropriated as follows: Domestic Missions, $29,13; Nashotah, $10; Foreign Missions, $25; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, $22,10; Sunday School, $36; the balance to other charitable objects. The ordinary Sunday Offerings have amounted to $179,09. Total Collections, $359,67¼. In addition to this, we have purchased, with the aid of friends not connected with St. Andrew's, several beautiful pieces of Communion Plate, at a cost of $165.

Our sincere thanks are returned to the members of St. John's, Grace, and St. Stephen's congregations, for their liberal aid in removing St. Andrew's from the old location, on Hospital street, to the present, on Friendship street. We also gratefully acknowledge the unsolicited donations of $150 from St. Stephen's

Church, and $50 from Grace Church, to enable us to meet the extraordinary expenses of the current year.

Of the 54 communicants reported, the names of but 14 appear upon the old record. The rest have either partaken of the Lord's Supper for the first time with us, or been received from other churches within and without the Diocese.

When it is remembered that the church has not yet been opened one year, it will readily appear that we have very much to encourage us. Our Sunday School would have been in a much more flourishing condition if we had been favored with a sufficient number of faithful teachers. As the church is now self-supporting, it has become necessary to tax the pews heavily. Still they are nearly all rented. If Pastor and people are faithful, with God's blessing, we may expect a steady increase in strength, both temporal and spiritual. May the Great Head of the church continue to regard us with favor!

The Rector has performed other official acts besides those enumerated above, but in different parishes.

D. HENSHAW, *Rector.*

MISSIONARY AT THE VALLEY STATION, PROVIDENCE.

Till the return of the Rev. J. H. Eames, in Dec last, to his work, the undersigned continued to discharge the duties of Itinerant Missionary, having the care of St Thomas Church, Greenville, the station at Centredale, and the oversight of the Valley Mission, in Providence. During most of the summer his duties on Sunday comprised three services and sermons, and the care of four Sunday Schools. Upon the return of the Itinerant Missionary, the undersigned retained the charge of the Valley Mission, near the Woonasquatucket Mills, and Olneyville, just *within the city limits*, and reports as follows:

Baptisms—Infants, 3. Confirmations, 1. Communicants—died, 3; present number, 12. Sunday School—Teachers, 10; Scholars, 90. Marriages, 2; Burials, 5. Communion Offerings, $19,77.

Four are ready for confirmation when the Bishop shall visit the station, as we hope he may in a short time. Services have been maintained regularly on Sunday, morning and evening. Though the attendance through the winter was small, yet, since spring opened, it has greatly increased. The congregations are composed to a great extent of the operatives in the factories in Olneyville and the vicinity. There are many of the English who are thus brought under the care of the church. We have, therefore, an opportunity for reaching a large class in the

community, which is not offered in any other parish within the city.

The Rev. D. L. B. Goodwin officiated regularly at the station till December, and has occasionally assisted in the work since that time. Some of his labors are embodied in the above report.

The Sunday School is the most interesting feature of the station. There are more than 100 names on its roll, and new names are added every Sunday. A few from the city have most kindly aided in the work of teaching.

The chief work of the missionary has been found in ministering to the wants of the poor. It is hoped a City Mission may before long be established. The neighborhood of this station has presented some of the most sadly interesting cases for the christian heart to dwell on.

But the city is gradually growing in the direction of this station. We have at present no opposition whatever. There is a large population unsupplied with religious privileges. Several famillies hitherto under church influences have moved into the neighborhood. Thus there is no reason whatever why the station may not grow up into an important parish if it could only obtain the fostering care of the city and the diocese.

BENJAMIN B. BABBITT.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NORTH PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms—Adults, 7; Infants, 12; total, 19. Confirmations, 27. Communicants—died, 2; present number, about 200. Sunday School—Superintendent, 1; Teachers, 22; Scholars, 165; Library, according to Catalogue, 652. Marriages, 33. Burials, 58. Sunday Offerings, $180,52. Missions—African, $25; Diocesan, $60; total, $265,52.

GEORGE TAFT, *Rector.*

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, WOONSOCKET.

Baptisms—Adults, 10; Infants, 17; total, 27. Confirmations, 17. Communicants—added, 27; died and removed, 21; present number, 127. Marriages, 14. Burials, 29. Sunday School—Teachers, 21; Scholars, 168. Missions—for Foreign and Domestic, $86,06; Widows and Orphans of Clergy, $11,09; Sewing circle for Parochial purposes, $50,00; Contributed for various other charitable objects, $88,10; total, $235,25.

In a Parish like this, where a large portion of the population is very fluctuating, no adequate idea of the real beneficial effects of the services of the church, can be obtained from the

number annually added to the communion. Many are almost constantly coming among us, wholly unacquainted with the church, with scarcely any more acquaintance with the gospel, and as frequently go away with an intelligent attachment to both, and a spiritual benefit upon their souls. So that the good seed is scattered, and the labor is not lost, though *all* the fruits of the harvest do not appear in our garner.

The attendance on the usual Sunday services is generally good, and our congregation is as large as we can expect, while we continue in our present place of worship. Many more might be gathered in, if we had suitable accommodations.

The visitation of our Bishop—when two services and a confirmation were held on Sunday—was one of deep interest, and of much encouragement and profit, and also, as we believe, truly blessed to the promotion of our spiritual life.

A very considerable addition of valuable books has been made to our Sunday School Library, through the liberality of an individual who has before frequently favored us with similar donations.

A society for charitable purposes, formed by the ladies of the parish, has been in successful operation for about three years. Through the aid of this society, together with the Communion Offerings, the Rector has been enabled, when carrying the gospel to the houses of the poor and destitute, to afford them also substantial assistance, and thus to improve both their temporal and moral condition.

BAYLIES P. TALBOT, *Rector.*

EMANUEL CHURCH, MANVILLE.

Baptisms—Infants, 4. Confirmations, 10. Communicants—added, 10; died and removed, 12; present number, 35. Sunday School—Teachers, 10; Scholars, 70. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2. Missionary and charitable contributions, $54,89.

My connection with this parish commenced with the Advent Season, and the results here presented are due to the faithful labors of those who have been before me in this humble but interesting field.

F. J. WARNER, *Rector.*

CHRIST CHURCH, LONSDALE.

Baptisms—Adults, 9; Infants, 21; total, 30. Confirmations, (on two occasions) 43. Communicants—added, 56; died and removed, 17; present number, 115. Sunday School—Teachers, 18; Scholars, 130; total, 148. Marriages, 10. Bu-

rials, 15. Missionary and Charitable Contributions—Rhode Island Missionary Convocation, $73,12; Domestic Missions, General Board, $38,46; Foreign Missions, $11,62; Communion Offerings, $39,18; for Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, &c., $10; total, $172,38.

This church, under the divine blessing, continues prosperous, The congregation is increasing, and the pews are generally rented. During the season of Lent, more than usual religious interest existed, and numbers were led to dedicate themselves to Christ. I would remark that, of the two classes confirmed, there were equal portions of both sexes; much the larger portion were young persons, and seventeen were members of the Sunday School.

G. W. Hathaway, *Rector.*

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, JOHNSTON.

Baptisms—Adults, 3; Infants, 1; total, 4. Confirmations, 6. Communicants—added, 9; removed, 4; present number, 30. Sunday School—Teachers, 8; Scholars, 50. Marriages, 1. Burials, 5. Contributions—Domestic Missions, $12; Foreign, $7,22; S. S. Union and Church Book Society, $5; Nashotah, $5; Parochial purposes, $26,75; Communion Alms, $26 03; other objects, $30; total, $112.

Our Sunday School is very flourishing. The congregation has decidedly increased. We have between three and four thousand dollars towards erecting a new church. On the whole, the parish is in a better condition than ever before. We have many discouragements, but many more blessings. May God give us grace to overcome the one, and be duly thankful for the other!

Wm. H. Mills, *Rector.*

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BRISTOL.

Baptisms—Adults, 3; Infants, 8; total, 11. Confirmations, 5. Communicants—added, 14; died and removed, 8; present number, 285. Sunday Schools—Teachers, 18; Scholars, 120. Marriages, 10. Burials, 31. Missionary and Charitable Contributions, $693,28.

The above aggregate of monies contributed during the past year, includes the Communion Alms and also the appropriations of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, and has been expended as follows: R. I. Convocation, $125; Domestic Missions, $135; Foreign Missions, $77,85; Ed. for Ministry, $100; Jewish

Missions, $32; Sunday Schools of the parish, $31; Distributed in alms, $100, other objects, $92,43

JOSEPH TRAPNELL, JR., *Rector.*

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, WARREN.

Baptisms—Adults, 1; Infants, 6; total, 7. Confirmations, 8. Communicants—added, 11; died and removed, 6; present number, 135. Sunday School—Teachers and Librarians, 21; Scholars, 93; total, 114. Marriages, 4. Burials, 4. Charitable Contributions—Foreign Missions, $49,50; Domestic Missions, $31; Diocesan Missions, $80; S. S. Union and Church Book Society, $30; for the Jews, $25,50; Widows and Orphans' Society, $15; Rev. Dr. Cole, for Oconomowoc, $10; Rector's Library, $217; other purposes, (chiefly Parochial,) $58; total, $516.

JNO. KELLY, *Rector.*

TRINITY CHURCH, NEWPORT.

Baptisms—Adults, 5; Infants, 16; total, 21. Confirmations, 23. Communicants—added, 6; died and removed, 22; present number, 210. Sunday School—Teachers, 15; Scholars, 100. Marriages, 7. Burials, 17. Offerings—for Emanuel Church, Newport, $684,25; Domestic Missions, $44,56; Widows and Orphans, $45; Sufferers at Savannah, $110; other objects, $328,56; total, $1,212,37.

The Rev. D. R. Brewer resigned the charge of this parish on Easter Monday.

The Rev. Alexander G. Mercer has been elected to fill the vacancy, and began his labors on the First Sunday after Trinity.

GEO. C. MASON, *Senior Warden.*

ZION CHURCH, NEWPORT.

Baptisms—Adults, 4; Infants, 8; total, 12. Confirmations, 15. Communicants—added, 10; present number 160. Sunday School—Teachers, 20; Scholars, 140. Marriages, 3. Burials, 6.

Rectorship vacant.

AUGUSTUS BUSH, *Warden.*

EMANUEL CHURCH, NEWPORT.

Baptisms—Adults, 1; Infants, 12; total, 13. Confirmations, 11. Communicants—added, 10; died and removed, 43; pres-

ent number, 50. Sunday School—Teachers, 22; Scholars, 112. Marriages, 8. Burials, 3.

The Rev. K. J. Stewart resigned the rectorship of this church in February. The undersigned took charge of it on the Third Sunday after Easter.

D. R. Brewer, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH.

The undersigned took charge of this parish 13th of May, but is not prepared to make a full report thereof, before the next Convention.

N. G. Allen.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH, AND HOLY CROSS CHAPEL, MIDDLETOWN.

Baptisms—Adults, 2. Confirmations, 6. Communicants—added, 6; removed, 3; present number, 28. Sunday School—Teachers, 4; Scholars, 25. Marriages, 3. Burials, 6. Offerings, $25,69.

On the 18th of April the Rev. Mr. Millett, removed from St. Mary's parish to Burlington, N. Jersey, to become the principal and Chaplain of St. Mary's Hall. The statistics above are chiefly taken from the Records of his late parish, which show an increase during the five years of his ministry in it of more than threefold in the number of the communicants. This church, in connection with the Chapel of the Holy Cross, now forms but one charge, and is reported accordingly.

H. Williams, *Missionary.*

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, JAMESTOWN.

Communicants—present number, 12. Marriages, 1. Contributions—Domestic Missions, $3; Foreign, $2; Widows' and Orphans' Fund, $2; other objects, $7; total, $14.

George Anthony, *Deacon.*

CHRIST CHURCH, WESTERLY.

Baptisms—Adults, 2; Infants, 5; total, 7. Confirmations, 12. Communicants—added, 13; removed, 5; present number, 170. Sunday School—Teachers, 16; Scholars, 80. Marriages, 4. Burials, 4. Sunday Offerings and other charitable contributions—Missions, $250; other donations, $200; total, $450.

T. H. Vail, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WICKFORD.

Baptisms—Adult, 1; Infant, 1; total, 2. Confirmations, 2. Communicants—added, 4; died, 1; present number, 60. Sunday School—Teachers, 9; Scholars, 40; books in Library, 300. Marriages, 2. Burials, 4. Contributions—for Missionary purposes, $55,42.; for Sunday School Library, $15,12; Contingent Expenses, $104,92; Communion Alms, $15,31; total, $190,77.

In addition to the above a parsonage is being erected at a cost of some two thousand dollars.

A. B. Flanders, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, TOWER HILL.

I have continued services in the above church, on alternate Sundays, as usual. I have attended six funerals and celebrated one marriage. Last Summer we had a Sunday School of 20 Scholars, 4 Teachers. I have preached at other places—St. Matthews, Jamestown, South Ferry, &c., as I have had opportunity.

Elisha Watson, *Rector.*

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, EAST GREENWICH.

Baptisms—Adults, 7; Infants, 7; total, 14. Confirmations, 13. Communicants—deceased, 2; removed, 8; added, 13; present number, 66. Marriage, 1. Burials—Infants, 1; Adults, 3, total, 4. Sunday School about the same as last year. Collections for Sunday School, $24; Sunday Offerings, $172,49; given to Foreign and Domestic Missions, $13,84; to Convocation for Diocesan Missions, $25.

During the past year this parish has lost many esteemed and useful members by removal; especially in the removal of the Rev. Mr. Burge and his family, both the Church and Sunday School have lost the aid of most efficient helpers, and the Rector the assistance and society of a revered and much loved friend and brother.

S. A. Crane, *Rector.*

ST. PHILIPS' CHURCH, CROMPTON.

Baptisms—Adults, 1; Infants, 4; total, 5. Communicants—added, 2; died and removed, 3; present number, 17. Sunday School—Teachers, 7; Scholars, 50. Marriages, 5. Burials, 13. Missionary and charitable contributions, $82.

G. W. Chevers, *Minister.*

STATION AT FISKVILLE.

Baptisms—Infants, 3. Confirmations, 3. Communicants—added, 6; died and removed, 4; present number, 15. Sunday School—Teachers, 15; Scholars, 60. Marriages, 3. Burials, 1.

G. W. CHEVERS, *Minister.*

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop:

REPORT OF GENERAL MISSIONARY.

GREENEVILLE.

I re-commenced my services in this parish in December last; since then I have officiated there once each Sunday, and at various times during the week. The Sunday School and "Sewing Circle" go on prosperously in their good work.

Baptisms—by Rev. Mr. Babbitt, 4; by myself, 7; total, 11. Confirmations, 6. Communicants, 31. Burials, 2.

CENTREDALE.

I have officiated at this station once each Sunday since December last. The services are now better attended than they have ever been before, and more interest is manifested throughout the neighborhood. Sunday School—Scholars, 38; Teachers, 7.

HARRISVILLE.

I commenced services at this place the first Sunday in May. They have been, so far, well attended, and there seems every prospect for permanently establishing the church.

A Sunday School has been established and a Sewing Circle formed.

J. H. EAMES.

To the Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, D. D:

During the past year, when not prevented by sickness, (of which I have had several attacks, confining me to the house in all, nearly three months,) I have been almost constantly engaged in supplying some vacant parish in the Diocese; have administered the Holy Communion 5 times, baptized 1 adult person, and officiated at 1 funeral.

JAMES H. CARPENTER.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Rev. Benj. Watson, now of the Diocese of Western New York, for his efficient services as Secretary of the Convention, for the past ten years, and that a copy of this vote be communicated to the Rev. Mr. Watson by the Secretary.

On motion, it was voted, that a Committee be appointed to draft suitable Resolutions in reference to the death of the Rev. John Bristed. The following persons were appointed by the Bishop: Rev. Joseph Trapnell, Jr., Rev. T. H. Vail, and J. D. W. Perry.

On motion, it was voted, that those portions of the Bishop's Address relating to Education, be referred to a Committee. The Committee consisted of the following persons: Rev. Henry Waterman, Rev. D. R. Brewer, and G. S. Wardwell.

On motion, it was voted, that those portions of the Bishop's Address relating to the Depository Board and the Convocation, be referred to a Committee. Rev. T. H. Vail, Rev. S. A. Crane, and W. T. Dorrance were appointed as that Committee.

The following resolution was then received and adopted:

Resolved, That William T. Grinnell, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered, by and in behalf of the Rhode Island Episcopal State Convention for Missionary and other purposes, to convey to the Providence Gas Company, for the sum of thirteen hundred dollars, the land formerly occupied by St. Andrew's Church, situate in the city of Providence, on the southwesterly corner of Crary Avenue and Hospital street, and for that purpose to execute a good and sufficient deed of said land, and to affix the name and seal of the Convention thereto.

The Convention then adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Convention met according to adjournment. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. D. R. Brewer. At the close

of Divine service, the roll was called. After which the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The regular Annual Elections were then had.

Ezra W. Howard, Esq., was re-elected *Treasurer* of the Convention.

The Convention next proceeded to ballot for a Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

Pending the election, *Resolved*, That the bills recommended by the Committee of Finance, amounting to $76,67, be paid from any unappropriated funds in the hands of the Treasurer of the Convention.

Resolved, That the sum of $80 be appropriated to pay the travelling expenses of the Bishops in attending the Consecration of Bishop Clark.

It was then *Resolved*, That these bills be paid from what is called the Bishop's Salary Fund.

The Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes presented their report as follows :

The Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes beg leave respectfully to report,

That the only matter of business presented for their consideration during the year, was the application of Rev. Mr. Mills, on behalf of the Vestry of St. Peter's Church, Johnston, for liberty to remove their church building to another part of the same lot, for the purpose of erecting a new edifice upon the old site. This leave was cheerfully granted, and the necessary steps in relation to the new building are in a good state of forwardness.

W. T. GRINNELL,
For the Trustees.

Providence, June 12th, 1855.

The Committee appointed to draft Resolutions in reference to the death of the Rev. John Bristed, offered the following Resolutions, which were adopted :

The Committee appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the mind of the Convention in reference to the character and services of the late Rev. Mr. Bristed, would respectfully report as follows :

WHEREAS, since the last annual meeting of this body, it hath pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to take out of this world the soul of the Rev John Bristed, for many years a devoted clergyman of this Diocese, and whereas, during the continuance of his physical and mental powers, he spared not himself, but was ever in labors abundant, with a single eye to the glory of God and the best interests of his fellow men, we, his brethren of the Clergy and Laity in Convention assembled, would take the present as a fitting occasion to express our appreciation of his worth as a man, and his faithfulness as a Christian minister—Therefore.

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. Bristed we are called to mourn the loss not only of an earnest and faithful minister of the gospel, but also a generous, self-sacrificing christian man, who was always ready to every good word and work; whose beneficence and liberality were ever commensurate with his means, and whose endeavors always seemed to be to practice after the Apostle's maxim, "Do good unto all men, especially to those who are of the household of faith."

Resolved, That we preserve a grateful remembrance of his valuable services in the Parochial, Missionary and Convocational work of this diocese, and that, with thankful hearts, we point to important parishes in our midst, which his personal effortsand pecuniary aid were instrumental either in calling into being, or materially promoting.

Resolved, That, whilst it shall be our pleasure to cherish fondly the memory of our departed Brother, we will also endeavor to emulate his good example, that, with him, we may leave to those who survive us the choice legacy of a good name, and, in death, pass away, as we doubt not he has done, to our glorious reward.

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby requested to forward copies of the foregoing resolutions to the son and only surviving brother of the deceased, the Rev. John Charles Bristed, of Dorchester, England.*

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOS. TRAPNELL, JR.,
THOS. H. VAIL,
JAS. D. W. PERRY,
} *Committee.*

On motion, it was voted, that the rules of order be suspended for the purpose of listening to the Rev. Mr. Deni-

*Mr. Bristed's father, grandfather and great grandfather were all Clergymen of the Anglican Church.

son, the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, who would address the Convention in behalf of Foreign Missions.

The following Resolutions were then adopted :

Resolved, That in view of the wonderful changes which have been wrought in the condition of the world within the last few years, changes effected in no small measure by means and agents until now unknown, and by which all parts of the globe are brought into close proximity, and especially in view of the facilities thus afforded for the rapid diffusion of Christianity, and for the fulfilment of the promise that the gospel shall be a witness unto all nations, it is the bounden duty of all Christian people to consider attentively and prayerfully, the responsibilities resting upon them. individually, in regard to the extension of the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Resolved, That in view of the clouds which darken the horizon of the eastern world, and of the signs which indicate the coming on of a fearful storm, it becomes all christians to humble themselves before God ; to see in all this mighty struggle a manifestation of that power which rules and governs all things, and makes the wrath of man to issue in the promotion of His glory.

Resolved, That this Convention does most earnestly recommend to all the members of the Church within the Diocese, increased attention, more of fervent and unwearied prayer, and a larger measure of contributions in behalf of missions throughout this land and throughout the world.

Resolved, That each parish Minister be requested to read to his congregation the foregoing Resolutions, and to enforce the same by such remarks as may be deemed suitable.

On motion, it was voted, that the Convention take a short recess, in order to allow the meeting of the Convocation for the purpose of accepting the report of the Board of Missions.

The Convention again coming to order, the Board of Missions presented their Report as follows :

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Missionary Convocation of the Diocese has been pursuing its appointed labors as in times past; and though there is no ground for boasting, yet we are satisfied there is an increasing interest felt in the work of establishing the Church in the destitute parts of the State, and a growing disposition to embrace whatever op-

portunities may, in God's providence, be presented for this end. The usual quarterly meetings have been held at East Greenwich, Bristol, Westerly, and Lonsdale. The attendance on these meetings on the part of the members has been uncommonly good, and on each occasion we have been favored also with the presence and services of some of our brethren who are not members. In some instances the congregations have not been as large as we think they ought to be, and might be; and while we acknowledge that in our community great allowance must be made for non-attendance on Divine services held on week-days, yet as these occur in connection with the Convocation, in no parish oftener than once a year, we would respectfully suggest that a true regard for our common cause, and a little sacrifice of personal convenience, would at these times insure a much better attendance of the laity. Above all, we deprecate the notion, which may perhaps exist in some minds, that this is merely a Clerical Association.

The amount of funds at our disposal during the last year, including $268,88 known as the Jubilee Collection was $1859,14; the amount of appropriations $1894,91, leaving a balance of $35,77 due from the Treasury, and yet unpaid.

A year ago services were begun under the direction of the Convocation, in the north part of this city, near Olneyville, in a building known as the "Valley Congregational Church," and continued until last January, when the Rev. Mr. Babbitt, in whose charge the station was, released the Convocation from any further pecuniary responsibility; although, as we understand, he has continued to maintain services there to the present time. For a more particular account of this station, and the prospect of establishing the Church there, we refer to the Rev. Mr. Babbitt's report.

It is very gratifying to report St. Andrew's Church, Providence, in a very encouraging condition. After many struggles it seems now to have attained a position of strength from which its permanence and prosperity may, under God, be confidently reckoned upon. It no longer depends on the Convocation for aid, but has already taken its place among the parishes contributing to our funds.

The Itinerant Mission.—The Rev. Mr. Eames having returned from his travels, is again engaged at his usual post. This mission has been conducted under the Convocation up to its last annual meeting in April; at which time a special arrangement was made whereby it should be no longer dependent on our treasury. The advantages of this arrangement will be seen in that it leaves the Convocation more means for other portions of the work; it renders St. Thomas Church, Greenville,

in fact, self-supporting, through its connection with the Itinerant Missionary, and it calls out more liberal contributions for this particular mission than could be obtained if solicited for the general purposes of our Board.

The Missionary in the Valley of the Pawtuxet continues to officiate half the time in St. Philip's Church, Crompton, and the other half at Fiskville, where he now resides, and where a house of worship has been rented for the year. These two stations, like very many of our smaller manufacturing villages, are pre-eminently missionary ground; and there is much need of patient continuance in well-doing with respect to them. We are, naturally enough, anxious for immediate fruits, and, it may be, we are over-anxious for fruits of a particular character. Our labor ought not to be considered in vain, because it does not result in self-supporting parishes in the course of two or three years. We humbly submit, whether the organization of parishes be the first, great, direct end of our missionary efforts. Such organizations, in order to be of any value, are not to be manufactured from without, but must be the natural development and embodiment of a vitality within. And to create and foster this vitality may require many years of faithful, well-directed use of the divinely appointed means. This should seem to be our aim; the other part will ordinarily follow of its own accord. Our blessed Lord's command is to "preach the gospel to every creature;" not to bend all our strength to the external formation of parishes, and preach the gospel only just so far as we may judge it to be conducive and instrumental to this purpose. "Freely ye have received, freely give." Scatter the seed, not indeed at random, but wherever the ground is inviting, with an eye fixed, not simply and alone on numerical increase, but on the assurance of Him who has declared that His Word shall not return unto Him void.

The Parish in Johnston, one of the fruits of the Convocation, has increased to such an extent that their present Church edifice is too small for the people; an effort is now being made to build a larger, and every way better church. To aid the self-sacrificing Rector in his truly excellent and much needed object, the Convocation has appropriated $150 to that place for the current year.

With respect to other parishes which have of late years received assistance from the Missionary Board, we are not minutely informed. St Paul's, Portsmouth, has been without a settled minister nearly, if not all, the year. The Church of the Ascension, Wakefield, has been closed for a considerable part of the year. Emanuel Church, Newport, has changed its Rector.

Whether it will be necessary for the Convocation to lend a helping hand to these three parishes this year, will probably appear from the Bishop's Address and the Parochial Reports.

In any case, much work is to be done. Have we not too much and too long rested content with a customary routine of keeping up things as they were? An earnest resolve is, we trust, awakened *to do the work*; to carry out that resolution, to give it arms and hands to work with, we throw ourselves upon all our christian brethren in the Diocese. We ask your prayers and your liberal contributions, that your prayers and ours be not hindered.

For the Convocation,
JOHN KELLY, *Secretary.*

The Finance Committee presented their Report, which was accepted—the usual Resolutions appended being adopted.

The following persons were then declared to have been elected the Standing Committee for the ensuing year:

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	G. S. Wardwell,
" George Taft,	Resolved Waterman,
" G. W. Hathaway,	Thomas Burgess,
" T. H. Vail,	E. Walcott.

The election of the Board of Education was deferred till the Committee, to whom was referred those portions of the Bishop's Address relating to Education, had reported.

The following Boards were elected:

Board of Sunday Schools:

Rev. Joseph Trapnell, Jr.,	E. W. Howard,
" Daniel Henshaw,	R. M. Larned.

The Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes:

Robert H. Ives,	Amasa Manton,
Alexander Duncan,	W. T. Grinnell.

Board of Fund for the Relief of Widows and Orphans:

Alexander Duncan,	Resolved Waterman,
William T. Grinnell.	Edward Walcott.

The election of the Depository Board was deferred until the Committee, to whom was referred those portions of the Bishop's Address relating to Depository, had reported.

The following Resolution was then presented :

Resolved, That Article IVth, of the Constitution, be amended by striking out the words "one year" in the third line, and inserting instead thereof the words "six months."

After some discussion, the above Resolution was indefinitely postponed.

The Treasurer's Report was then presented as audited by the Finance Committee.

The attention of the Convention was next called to the Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business.

On motion, it was voted, that the amendment to the *Tenth* Article of the Constitution, proposed on the 27th page of the Journal of last Annual Convention, be permitted to be withdrawn.

The Report of the Board for the Relief of Widows and Orphans was presented by the Finance Committee, and accepted.

On motion, it was voted, that the indefinite postponement of the proposed amendment to Article IVth of the Constitution be re-considered.

The indefinite postponement of the amendment was then moved, which was lost. Yeas, 20. Nays, 24.

The vote upon the amendment being then called for by orders, the result was as follows: Clergy, Yeas, 10 ; Nays, 7. Parishes, Yeas, 9 ; Nays, 6 ; Divided 1.

So the amendment to article IVth of the Constitution was *approved of*, and laid over to the next convention.

An amendment to Article IVth, was then offered as follows : *Resolved*, That after the word "Convention" in the 4th line, the words "as settled Minister or Assistant Minister," be inserted. The above Resolution was lost.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Bishop be requested to furnish a copy of the Sermon preached before this Convention.

Resolved, That 1500 copies be printed for circulation in the Diocese, with the Journal, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the expenses of the same.

On motion, it was voted, that the amendment to the XIIth Article of the Constitution, proposed on the 30th page of the Journal of last Convention, be postponed to the next Convention.

The Committee to whom was referred those portions of the Bishop's Address relating to Depository Board and Convocation made the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee appointed to consider that part of the Bishop's Address which relates to the Depository Board and the Convocation, beg leave to report that they think the suggestions of the Bishop in regard to the enlargement of the operations of the Depository, are highly deserving the attention of that Board, and might much increase its efficiency, but that they are not prepared to recommend any definite plan of action to this Convention in reference to that Board; and that in regard to the suggestions of the Bishop for increasing the funds of the Convocation, they recommend the adoption of the following Preamble and Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Funds of the Convocation have hitherto been derived from the Clergy pledging one tenth of their salaries, and whereas these pledges have been mostly if not entirely redeemed by the Sewing Circles and other efforts of the ladies in the respective parishes, and whereas it is reasonable to believe that the male members of these parishes would, if called upon, gladly contribute to aid in the extension of the church in their own Diocese; therefore,

Resolved, That it is hereby recommended to every Rector to endeavor to obtain from the male members of his parish, by subscription, or in such other way as he may deem more expedient, a sum equal, at least, to that which is pledged by himself, and paid by the efforts of the female members of his parish.

S. A. CRANE,
In behalf of the Committee.

The following Depository Board was then elected: Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D., Rev. H. Waterman, E. W. Howard, and E. Walcott.

The Committee appointed to consider those portions of

the Bishop's Address relating to Education, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the portion of the Bishop's Address touching the subject of the Education of young men for the Ministry, meets the hearty approval of this Convention; and that the Clergy, in their several parishes, be requested to bear in mind the importance of this branch of the Church's work.

The Board of Education was then elected as follows: Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D., Rev. G. W. Hathaway, E. W. Howard, G. S. Wardwell.

Ordered, That $8,00 be paid to the Sexton of St. John's Church, for his services in attendance on the Convention.

Ordered, That 1000 copies of the Journal of this Convention be printed, and distributed under the direction of the officers of this Convention.

Ordered, That the next annual Convention be held in Grace Church, Providence.

Voted, That Mr. Augustus Bush be a Committee to transfer the books and papers relative to the concerns of the Convention, from the former Secretary to his successor.

The minutes of the entire proceedings of the session were then read by the Secretary.

After singing the 108th Selection of Psalms, and after Prayer and Benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned.

THOMAS M. CLARK, *President.*

WILLIAM H. MILLS, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON CURRENT EXPENSES.

The Committee on Finance report that the sum required to pay the estimated expenses of the Convention, is one hundred and fifty dollars, which has been appropriated as follows, viz:

St. John's Church,	Providence,	$20 00
Grace, "	"	20 00
St. Stephen's, "	"	11 00
St. Andrew's, "	"	2 00
Trinity, "	Newport,	17 00
Zion, "	"	9 00
St. Paul's, "	N. Providence,	9 00
St. Michael's, "	Bristol,	14 00
St. Mark's, "	Warren,	9 00
Christ, "	Lonsdale,	5 00
St. James, "	Woonsocket,	8 00
Christ, "	Westerly,	8 00
St. Paul's, "	N. Portsmouth,	2 00
Emanuel, "	Manville,	2 00
St. Luke's, "	E. Greenwich,	2 00
St. Paul's, "	Wickford,	2 00
Ascension "	Wakefield,	1 00
St. Peter's, "	Johnston,	1 00
S. Philip's, "	Crompton,	1 00
St. Thomas', "	Greenville,	2 00
St. Mary's, "	S. Portsmouth,	2 00
Ch. of Holy Cross,	Middletown,	2 00
Emanuel Church,	Newport,	1 00
		$150 00

The Committee beg leave to recommend the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the Delegates now pay their several assessments.

G. S. WARDWELL,
R. M. LARNED,
AUGUSTUS BUSH. } *Committee.*

Providence, June 13, 1855.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON THE BISHOP'S SALARY.

The Committee on Finance have assessed the several Parishes in this Diocese for the Salary of the Bishop, in accordance with the Eighth Canon, as follows :

St. John's Church,	Providence,	$70 00
Grace, "	"	70 00
St. Stephen's, "	"	28 00
St. Andrew's, "	"	5 00
Trinity, "	Newport,	51 00
Zion, "	"	38 00
St. Paul's, "	North Providence,	31 00
St. Michael's, "	Bristol,	40 00
St. Mark's, "	Warren,	30 00
Christ, "	Lonsdale,	15 00
St. James, "	Woonsocket,	28 00
Christ, "	Westerly,	28 00
St. Paul's, "	Portsmouth,	5 00
Emanuel, "	Manville,	5 00
St. Luke's, "	East Greenwich,	13 00
St. Paul's, "	Wickford,	15 00
Ascension, "	Wakefield,	13 00
St. Peter's, "	Johnston,	2 00
St. Philip's, "	Crompton,	1 00
Ch. of Holy Cross,	Middletown,	5 00
Emanuel, "	Newport,	2 00
St. Matthew's,"	Jamestown,	2 00
St. Mary's, "	Portsmouth,	5 00
St. Thomas, "	Greenville,	3 00
		$505 00

The Committee recommend that the foregoing assessments be collected and paid by the several churches on or before the first day of October next.

GEO. S. WARDWELL,
AUGUSTUS BUSH,
R. M. LARNED. } *Committee.*

Dr. Convention Expenses, (Diocese of R. I.) in account with E. W. Howard, Tr. Cr.

1854.		
June 14.	To paid Wm. Vero, Sexton of Grace Church, for services in attending Convention,	$ 8 00
" 30.	To paid Extension of Insurance St. Andrew's, after removal of said Church, - -	1 50
July----	To paid B. T. Albro, for blank receipts, -	1 50
	To paid Prov. Mutual Ins. Co., for insurance of St. Andrews since removal, 5 p.c. on premium note 200, - - - - -	9 70
Sep. 14.	To paid M. B. Young, printing cop. Journal, 1854, 66 pp and covers, $109 13. Postage on do. 1.22. Envelopes and doing up do. 2,	112 35
Oct. 14.	To paid J. F. Holmes, for services in attending Special Convention at St. John's Church,	8 00
1855.		
Jan. 15.	To paid G. H. Whitney, for printing circulars respecting death of Bishop Henshaw, -	2 00
Feb. 3.	To paid Daily Tribune, for advertising notice of Consecration of Bishop Clark, -	2 50
Mch. 15.	To paid Mutual Ins. Co. assessment on policies of St. Andrews, St. Peters and St. Philips,	3 44
June 12.	To balance to new account, -	11 29
		$160 28

The above account has been examined and found correct.

GEO. S. WARDWELL,
AUGUSTUS BUSH,
R. W. LARNED.
} *Committee on Finance.*

Providence, June 13, 1855.

1854.				
June 13.	By balance of old account, - - -			10 28
14.	" assessment of June 14, 1854, of			
		Zion Church,	Newport,	9 00
" "	"	St. Stephen's,	Providence,	11 00
" "	"	Trinity,	Newport,	17 00
" "	"	St. Paul's,	N. Prov.,	9 00
" "	"	St. Michael's,	Bristol,	14 00
" "	"	St. Mark's,	Warren,	9 00
" "	"	Christ,	Lonsdale,	5 00
" "	"	St. James,	Woonsocket,	8 00
" "	"	Christ,	Westerly,	8 00
" "	"	St. Paul's,	Portsmouth,	2 00
" "	"	Emanuel,	Manville,	2 00
" "	"	St. Luke's,	E. Greenwich	2 00
" "	"	St. Paul's,	Wickford,	2 00
" "	"	Ascension,	Wakefield,	1 00
" "	"	St. Peter's,	Johnston,	1 00
" "	"	St. Andrew's,	Providence,	1 00
" "	"	Chapel Holy Cross,		2 00
" "	"	Emanuel,	Newport,	2 00
" "	"	St. John's,	Providence,	20 00
" "	"	Grace,	"	20 00
" "	"	St. Philip's,	Crompton,	1 00
" "	"	St. Thomas,	Greenville,	2 00
June 12.	"	St. Mary's,	Portsmouth,	2 00
				$160 28
1855.				
June 13.	By balance of old account. - - -			$11 29

E. E.

E. W. HOWARD, *Treasurer.*

Dr. *Bishop's Salary (Diocese of R. I.) in account with E. W. Howard. Tr.* *Cr.*

1854.			
April 9.	To Cash paid Bishop Clark's salary from Diocese from Dec. 1, 1854, to June 1, 1855, ½ yr. at 500 per year. - - - -		$250 00
June 27.	To amt. ordered by vote of Convention June 13, 1855, to be transferred from this account to credit of Convention Expenses account, for payment of bills for expenses of Special Convention of Sep. 26th and 27th, 1854, - - -		161 59
June ---	To balance to new account, - -		91 02
			$502 61

1854.				
June 21.	By balance of old account, - -			$67 61
Sept. 27.	" assessment, June 14, 1854, of			
		Christ Church	Westerly,	28 00
"	"	St. Mary's,	Portsmouth,	5 00
"	"	Chapel of Holy Cross,		5 00
Oct. 13.	"	St. John's,	Providence,	70 00
"	"	Grace,	"	70 00
Nov. 4.	"	St. Stephen's,	"	25 00
1855.				
Jan. 10.	"	St. Philip's,	Crompton,	1 00
"	"	St. Paul's,	N. Providence,	31 00
"	"	June 15, '53, do		31 00
Apr. 5.	" 14, '54	St. Thomas,	Greenville,	3 00
"	"	St. Peter's,	Johnston,	2 00
June 14.	"	St. James',	Woonsocket,	28 00
"	"	St. Paul's,	Wickford,	15 00
"	"	St. Matthew's,	Jamestown,	2 00
"	"	St. Luke's,	E. Greenwich,	13 00
"	"	St. Paul's,	Portsmouth,	5 00
"	"	St. Mark's,	Warren,	30 00
"	"	Emanuel,	Manville,	5 00
"	"	Christ,	Lonsdale,	15 00
		Trinity,	Newport,	51 00
				$502 61
June, 1855. E. E.	By balance from old account, - -			$91 02

E. W. HOWARD, *Treasurer.*

Dr. Missionary Convocation (Diocese of R. I.) in account with E. W. Howard, Tr. Cr.

1854.			
May.	To am't. from Grace Church Sund. offerings carried from this to extension of Missions fund account, $25, do carried to Dom. and For. Mission account, ½ to each, $50, - - - - - -		$75 00
1855.			
April.	To ap. to Rev. G. W. Chevers in full to Apr. 1, '55,		500 00
"	" " " W. H. Mills, do.		150 00
"	" " " Daniel Henshaw, "		200 00
"	" " " B. B. Babbitt, "		628 24
"	" " " D. L. B. Goodwin, "		80 00
"	" " " Alterations in Valley Church,		20 00
"	" " " Jas. H. Eames,		230 90
June 27.	To balance to new account, - - -		12 50
			$1,896 64

1854.			
May 20.	By balance of old account, - - -		$78 26
" "	" Pledge of Grace Ch. balance of last year,		61 50
" "	" " Do in full for year to Apr. 1, 1855,		200 00
" "	" " St. John's, Prov. "		200 00
" "	" " Zion, Newport, "		100 00
" "	" " St. Michael's, Bristol, "		100 00
" "	" " St. Philip's, Crompton, "		100 00
" "	" " St. Mark's, Warren, "		80 00
" "	" " Christ Ch. Westerly, "		80 00
" "	" " Christ, Lonsdale, "		60 00
" "	" " St. Paul's, N. Prov. "		60 00
" "	" " St. Andrew's, Prov. "		55 00
" "	" " St. Peter's, Johnston, "		50 00
" "	" " St. Stephen's, Prov. "		100 00
" "	" " St. Thomas', Greenville, "		200 00
" "	" " " bal. of last yr.		35 00
" "	" St. Paul's, Wickford, yr. to Ap. 1, '55,		12 50
" "	" Am't. of Jubilee col. and interest,		268 88
" "	" from Itinerant Missionary acc.		20 00
" "	" " Mrs. R. DeWolf, Bristol,		4 00
" "	" " St. Luke's, East Greenwich, to Apr. 1, '55,		25 00
	" St. Paul's, Wickford, to Apr. 1, 1855, -		12 50
			$1,896 64
1855.			
June 27.	By balance to new account, - -		$12 50

E. E.

E. W. HOWARD, *Treasurer.*

Dr. Funds for D. and For. Mis. from Dioc. of R. I., in acct. with E. W. Howard, Tr. Cr.

1854.			
Nov. 6.	By cash forwarded T. N. Sanford, Treas. N. Y., acknowledged in Spirit of Missions,		$57 06
Dec. 14.	" J. S. Aspinwall, Tr. acknl'd Sp. Miss.		30 69
	" T. N. Stanford, " "		483 82
1855.			
Jan. 12.	" " " "		152 79
"	" J. S. Aspinwall, " "		35 27
Feb. 19.	" T. N. Stanford, " "		133 64
	" J. S. Aspinwall, " "		372 82
March 15.	" T. N. Stanford, " "		5 00
May 15.	" J. S. Aspinwall, " "		160 79
June 6.	" " " "		376 00
Apr. 1 I.	" W. T. Grinnell, Tr. wid. and or. fund		92 86
17.	" " "		100 62
	" " "		45 00
	" J. S. Aspinwall, Tr.		20 00
	" Joseph Hyde, Tr. Am. Bib. Soc.		32 00
	By balance to new account, for F. M. 50 c. for D. M. $21, - - - - - - -		21 50
			$2119 86

1855.			
June.	By collection at Convention specially appropriated		$15 00
	Grace Ch. Prov.—*Domestic*—Oct. 27, 1854. Sund. offer'gs $26; Nashotah, $10; Dom. Miss. 31,69. Dec. 9, 1854, Collection at Consecration of Bishop Clark for Bishop Lee of Iowa, $161. - *Foreign.* Dec. 4, 1854, Sund. offer'gs, for F. M. $31.69.		259 38
	St. John's Ch. Prov.—*Domestic*—Dec. 9, 1855, Advent coll. for Epis. Miss. Ass. Phila., of which 6 75 is for Iowa, 292 13; Jan. 16, 1855, St. John's Morning S S. $23.08; Colored S. School, $3.73; March 14, coll. for Widows' and Orphans' fund for 1854, $92.86; Do. for 1855, $100.62; Ap. 16, coll. from Ladies for Bib. Soc. $32.—*Foreign*—Christmas off'g. Morning School, $23.08; Noon (colored) School, $3.74; Jan. 22, 1855, Epiphany coll. of which $50 is for Mrs. Hill, Greece, for general purposes of that Mission, $256; Apl. 2nd, collections during year, to Apr. 1, 1855, in Morning S. School for China, $75.40; in Colored S. S. for Africa, $22.55; June 6, Philanthropic Soc. for African Miss. $250; Educ. child in Africa to be named Anna C. Allen, $20; for F M. $56: for liquidating debt of F. M. Board, $56,		1301 19
	St. Stephen's, Prov.—*Domestic*—Jan 8, 1855, St. Stephen's advent coll. $94.22; Feb. 19, part of Epiph. coll. for Nashotah, $10.—*Foreign*—Feb. 19, 1855, part of Epiph. coll. for Greece, $38;		142 22
	St. Andrew's, Prov.—*Domestic.*—Advent coll. $29.13.—*Foreign*—May 7, 1855, for F. M. $25;		54 13
	Christ Ch. Westerly.—*Domestic*—Dec. 8, 1855, $50.—*Foreign*—Feb. 8, 1855, $30; S. S. for African child, $20; - - - -		100 00

	Christ Ch. Lonsdale.—*Domestic*—Oct 21, 1854, for Western Miss. $14.37 ; Jan. 16, 1855, Advent coll. $18.06.—*Foreign*—March 5, 1855, Epiph. coll. $11.62. - - - - -	44 05
	St. Paul's, Portsmouth, Jan. 26, 1854, $1.69,	1 69
	St. Mark's, Warren.—*Domestic*—Jan 9, 1855, $30.—*Foreign*—Jan. 9, 1855, $30 ; Ap. 12, $19.50, of which 50 c. is for the Jews, - - -	79 50
	St. Luke's, E. Greenwich.—*Domestic*—Jan. 9,'55 $8.57.—*Foreign*—Jan. 10, 1855, $5.27 ; - -	13 84
	St. Paul's, Wickford.—*Domestic*—Jan. 11, 1855, Advent coll. $20.—*Foreign*—Jan. 14, '55, $20.	40 00
	St. Paul's, N. Prov.—*Domestic*—little Mary 64 c. A. Bowers, $2.—*Foreign*—Feb. 2, 1855, Adeline Bowers, $2. - - - -	4 64
	St. Peter's, Johnston.—*Domestic*—Advent coll. $12.—*Foreign*—Apr. 13, 1855, $7.22 ; -	19 22
	Trinity Ch. Ap. 20, 1855, coll. for Wid. and Orph. Fund, $45. - - - - -	45 00
		$2119 86
June 21.	By balance to new account Dom. Mission,	21 00
	" " For. "	50

E. E. E. W. HOWARD, *Treasurer.*

Providence, June 13, 1855.

Dr. Rhode Island Episcopal Depository in account with Wm. Coggeshall, Agent, Cr.

1854.				1854.			
Aug. 10.	To paid Dana's bill,		$101 62	June 13.	By balance,		$111 51
1855.	" " Freight, &c.,		2 81		" Stock on hand from old account,		243 24
Feb. 26.	" " Dana's bill,		58 49	1855.			
June 13.	" 10 per cent commission on sales $134,76,		13 47	June 13.	" " purchased of Dana,		90 64
" "	" Stock on hand to new account,		229 12	" "	" Profit on sales, $134,76,		32 44
" "	" Balance,		72 32				$477 83
			$477 83	June 13.	By Balance,		72 32
				" "	" Stock on hand,		229 12
					Assets,		$301 44
					Liabilities — Dana's bill,		32 15
					Present net capital,		$269 29
					1854, " "		253 13
					Gain,		$16 16

E. E. WM. COGGESHALL, *Agent*.

Providence, June 13, 1855.

Dr. *Charitable Fund in account with William T. Grinnell, Treasurer.* *Cr.*

1854.				1854.			
July 12.	To paid for printing circulars,		$3 00	June 14.	By balance from old account,		$1184 41
Sept. 27.	" " amount received for two years' subscription, of Rt. Rev. Doct. Henshaw, with interest on the same, according to vote of Convention, June, 1854, abolishing the fund under which the subscription was paid,		48 50	15.	" cash received from Permanent Fund, that fund having been abolished by Convention of 1854,		771 85
				20.	Amount collected Crompton and Fiskeville, 1854,		4 00
1855.				1855.			
June 12.	This amount credited in new account to balance,		2328 79	Jan. 15.	" " St. Mark's,	Warren, 1855,	15 00
				Apr. 11.	" " St. John's,	Providence, 1854,	92 86
				" 17.	" " St. John's,	Providence, 1855,	100 62
				" 30.	" " Trinity,	Newport, "	45 00
				May 30.	" " St. Stephen's,	Providence, "	34 00
				June 2.	" " St. James',	Woonsocket, "	11 09
				" 11.	" " St Andrew's,	Providence, "	22 10
				" "	" " Grace Ch.	Providence, "	60 00
				" 12.	" " St. Michael's,	Bristol, "	15 00
				" "	" " Christ Ch.	Westerly, "	10 00
				" "	" " Christ "	Lonsdale, "	10 00
				" "	" " Emanuel,	Mansville, "	2 36
				" "	" " St. Philip's,	Crompton, "	2 00
			$2380 29				$2380 29

The above account has been examined with the vouchers, and found correct.

GEO. S. WARDWELL,
AUGUSTUS BUSH,
R. M. LARNED,
} *Committee on Finance.*

Providence, June 13, 1855.

1855.
June 12. By balance of old account brought down, $2328 79

Errors and omissions excepted.

W. T. GRINNELL, *Treasurer.*

The following churches have not paid for the year ending June, 1855: St. Paul's, Portsmouth; Zion, Newport; St. Paul's, North Providence; St. Peter's, Johnston; St. Paul's, Wickford; St. Luke's, East Greenwich; St. Mathew's, Jamestown; St. Paul's, Tower Hill; St. Thomas', Greenville.

Abstract of Parochial Reports, June, 1855.

PLACES.	CHURCHES.	RECTOR OR MINISTER.	BAPT'MS			COMMC'TS.			Confirmations.	Marriages.	Burials.	S. S.		Sunday Offerings and Contributions, for religious purposes.
			Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Added.	Died and Removed.	Present Number.				Teachers.	Scholars.	
Providence,	St. John's,	N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	9	30	39	27	—	327	22	—	—	40	298	$3,650 00
"	Grace,	T. M. Clark, D. D.,	7	3	10	—	—	330	24	3	4	22	162	1,178 37
"	St. Stephen's,	H. Waterman,	7	25	32	25	20	145	16	9	12	15	60	700 00
"	St. Andrew's,	D. Henshaw,	7	11	18	—	1	54	15	1	12	9	80	359 67
"	Valley Station,	Benjamin B. Babbitt,	—	3	3	—	—	3	12	1	2	5	10	90 19 77
N. Providence,	St. Paul's,	Geo. Taft,	7	12	19	—	2	200	27	33	58	22	165	265 52
Woonsocket,	St. James'.	Baylies P. Talbot,	10	17	27	27	21	127	17	14	29	21	168	235 25
Manville,	Emanuel,	F. J. Warner,	—	4	4	10	12	35	10	1	2	10	70	54 89
Lonsdale,	Christ,	G. W. Hathaway,	9	21	30	56	17	115	43	10	15	18	130	172 38
Johnston,	St. Peter's,	Wm. H. Mills,	3	1	4	9	4	30	6	1	5	8	50	112 00
Bristol,	St. Michael's,	Joseph Trapnell, Jr.,	3	8	11	14	8	285	5	10	31	18	120	693 28
Warren,	St. Mark's,	Jno. Kelly,	1	6	7	11	6	135	8	4	4	21	93	516 00
Newport,	Trinity,	A. G. Mercer,	5	16	21	6	22	210	23	7	17	15	100	1,212 37
"	Zion,		4	8	12	10	—	160	15	3	6	20	140	———
"	Emanuel,	D. R. Brewer,	1	12	13	10	43	50	11	8	3	22	112	———
N. Portsmouth,	St. Paul's,	N. G. Allen,												———
S. Portsmouth,	St. Mary's,	H. Williams,	2	—	2	6	3	28	6	3	6	4	25	25 69
Jamestown,	St. Matthew's,	George Anthony,						12	—	1	—			14 00
Westerly,	Christ,	T. H. Vail,	2	5	7	13	5	170	12	4	4	16	80	450 00
Wickford,	St. Paul's,	A. B. Flanders,	1	1	2	4	1	60	2	2	4	9	40	190 77
Tower Hill,	St. Paul's,	E. F. Watson,								1	6	4	20	———
E. Greenwich,	St. Luke's,	S. A. Crane,	7	7	14	13	10	66	13	1	4	12	80	235 33
Crompton,	St. Philip's,	G. W. Chevers,	1	4	5	2	3	17	—	5	13	7	50	82 00
Fiskville,	Miss. Station,	" "	—	3	3	6	4	15	3	3	1	15	60	———
Itn. Missionary,	———	J. H. Eames,	—	—	11	—	—	31	6	—	2	7	38	———
			86	197	294	249	185	2614	285	126	243	346	2231	$10,167 29

RULES OF ORDER,

AND A

STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS,

OF THE

Convention of the Church in the Diocese of Rhode Island.

I. RULES OF ORDER.

1. When the President takes the chair no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the chair.

2. The members of the Convention shall sit in pews contiguous to one another—the delegates of each church occupying one pew.

3. No member shall absent himself from the Convention unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. All special committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

5. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not again be drawn into debate during the session, unless with the consent of two thirds of the members present.

6. When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise, and with due respect address himself to the President, and confine himself strictly to the point in debate.

7. When two members chance to rise at the same time, the President shall determine to whom the preference shall be given; and all questions of order the President shall decide—subject to an appeal to the Convention.

8. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

9. No motion shall be acted upon until seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

10. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private conversation to the interruption of the Convention.

11. Every member, who is in the Convention when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the question, or excused by the President.

12. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to postpone, to amend, to divide, or to commit.

13. A motion for amendment or postponement shall be considered as the previous question, and be decided before the original motion.

14. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

15. The yeas and nays shall be called and entered on the minutes, when required by one-fifth of the members present.

16. At the request of the President, or on motion, the Convention may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole.

17. All elections, when required by two members, shall be by ballot.

18. All other questions shall be decided *viva voce*, or by hand vote, unless a ballot be called for by two members.

19. The sittings of the Convention shall be open to all persons who choose to attend, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

20. After the first day the minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning, at the opening of the Convention, and, if necessary, corrected; and, before the rising of the Convention, the whole proceedings of the session shall be read.

21. When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

22. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended without consent of two-thirds of the members present.

23. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be read at the opening of every Convention, and shall be of force, unless repealed by a vote of the Convention.

II. STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS.

After the organization of the Convention as provided for by the Constitution, the following Order of Business shall be observed for the first day of the session.

I. The business incident to the organization of the Convention, embracing the consideration of application of Churches or Parishes for admission into union with the Convention; reports from special committees appointed at a preceding session of the Convention, &c.

II. Reading of the Bishop's address.

III. Regular Annual Reports, in the following order:

1. Report from the Treasurer of the Convention.
2. Report from the Standing Committee.
3. Report from the Board of Missions.
4. Report from the Board of Education.
5. Report from the Board of Sunday Schools.
6. Report from the Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes.
7. Report from the Depository Board.
8. Report from the Board for relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased clergymen.
9. Parochial Reports.

The following order of business shall be observed for the second day of the Convention:

I. Elections,—

1. Of deputies to the General Convention.
2. Of Treasurer.
3. Of Standing Committee.
4. Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.
5. Board of Education.
6. Board of Sunday Schools.
7. Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes.
8. Board for the relief of widows and Orphans, &c.
9. Depository Board.

II. Miscellaneous.

LIST OF CLERGY

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church,

IN THE

DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND,

JUNE 12, 1855.

Rt. Rev. THOS. M. CLARK, D. D.,
Bishop, and Rector of Grace Church.

Rev. BENJ. B. BABBITT,
Missionary in Olneyville.

Rev. LEMUEL BURGE,
Residing in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rev. DARIUS R. BREWER,
Rector of Emanuel Ch. Newport.

Rev. JAMES H. CARPENTER,
Residing in N. Kingston.

Rev. GEO. W. GHEVERS,
Officiating in St. Philip's Church, Crompton, and at Fiskville.

Rev. SILAS A. CRANE,
Rector of St. Luke's, Church East Greenwich.

Rev. N. B. CROCKER, D. D.,
Rec. of St. John's Ch. Prov.

Rev. JAMES H. EAMES,
Officiating in St. Thomas' Ch. Greenville, in Harrisville, and in Centredale.

Rev. A. B. FLANDERS,
Rec. of St. Paul's Ch. N. Kingston.

Rev. G. W. HATHAWAY,
Rec. of Christ Ch. Lonsdale.

Rev. DANIEL HENSHAW,
Rec. of St. Andrew's, Ch. Providence.

Rev. JOHN KELLY,
Rec. of St. Mark's Ch. Warren.

Rev. DANIEL LEACH,
Residing in Providence.

Rev. W. HAMMOND MILLS,
Rec. of St. Peter's Ch., Johnston.

Rev. ELI. W. STOKES,
W. Africa.

Rev. GEORGE TAFT,
Rec. of St. Paul's Ch., N. Prov.

Rev. BAYLIES P. TALBOT,
Rec. of St. James Ch., Woonsocket.

Rev. JOSEPH TRAPNELL, Jr,
Rec. of St. Michael's Ch, Bristol.

Rev. THOMAS H. VAIL,
Rec. of Christ Ch., Westerly.

Rev. FRANCIS J. WARNER,
Rec of Emanuel Ch., Manville.

Rev. HENRY WATERMAN,
Rec. of St. Stephen's Ch., Prov.

REV. ELISHA F. WATSON,
Rec. of St Paul's Ch., Tower Hill.

Rev. HOBART WILLIAMS,
Miss. at Church of the Holy Cross, Middletown.

FORM OF A CERTIFICATE.

OF THE APPOINTMENT OF LAY DELEGATES.

At a meeting of the parish of ———— Church, ————, regularly called in conformity with the Charter and By-Laws, on the —— day of ———— 185 , Messrs.

were appointed as Delegates from said Parish to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, to be held on the second Tuesday in June, 185 .

At the same meeting, the following persons were also appointed as substitutes:

Attest,

————————, *Wardens.*

————————, *Parish Clerk.*

CANON X.

Of the Election of Lay Delegates.

Any Parish intended to be represented in this Convention, as provided for in the Fourth Article of the Constitution of the Diocese, shall choose its Delegates in a Parish meeting, regularly called in conformity with the Charter and By-Laws of the Parish; and in addition to the Delegates provided for in said Fourth Article, said Parish shall, at the same meeting, choose four other persons, to be called substitutes, who, in the order in which they are chosen, shall be entitled to fill the place of any delegate who may resign, or be unable to attend; and such delegates and substitutes shall continue in office until the next annual meeting of the Parish; and also until new ones shall have been chosen to take their places.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

CHURCH,

Baptisms—Adults, ; Infants, ; Total, . Confirmations, . Communicants—added, ; died and removed, ; present number, . Sunday Schools—Teachers, ; Scholars, . Marriages, . Burials, . Missionary and Charitable contributions, $.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church,

IN THE DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND,

HELD IN GRACE CHURCH, PROVIDENCE,

TUESDAY 10TH, AND WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE, 1856.

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JOURNAL

OF THE

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

GRACE CHURCH, PROVIDENCE, }
June 10*th*, 1856. }

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Rhode Island, the Bishop of the Diocese, and several of the Clergy and Laity, assembled at 10½ o'clock, A. M., in Grace Church, Providence.

The Rev. A. B. Goodrich, of Mass., and the Rev. B. P. Talbot read Morning Prayer. The Bishop officiated in the Ante-Communion Service. The Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. A. G. Mercer. The Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Vail, Goodrich, and Talbot.

After Divine Service, the Bishop took the Chair, and called the Convention to order.

The Bishop presented a list of the Clergy of the Diocese to the Secretary.

The Lay Delegates also presented their Certificates.

The Bishop then appointed the following Committee, on the Testimonials of Clerical and Lay Delegates:

Rev. S. A. Crane, D. D., Robert H. Ives,
" J. H. Eames, J. B. Walker.

On motion, clergymen not entitled to seats in this body, and candidates for orders, who might be present, were invited to honorary seats in the Convention. Of such there were present, the Rev. Messrs. Burroughs, Chace, Goodrich, Porter, Richmond, and Wildes, of Mass., the Rev. C. B. Stout, of Wisconsin, the Rev. Dr. Van Kleek, of N. Y., and Mr. George B. Paine, a Candidate for Orders in this Diocese.

The Convention adjourned till 4 o'clock.

Tuesday afternoon, 4 o'clock.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

The Committee on the Testimonials of Clerical and Lay Delegates, reported the following Clergymen as entitled to membership, and *the right to vote.*

*Rev. *George Anthony*, Rev. *John Kelly*,
" B. B. Babbitt, " Daniel Leach,

*Those whose names are in Italics, were not present in Convention.

Rev. *D. R. Brewer*,	Rev. W. H. Mills,
" *Lemuel Burge*,	" George Taft,
" *James H. Carpenter.*	" B. P. Talbot,
" George W. Chevers,	" Jos. Trapnell, Jr.
" S. A. Crane, D. D.,	" Thos. H. Vail,
" N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	" F. J. Warner,
" J. H. Eames,	" Hobart Williams,
" A. B. Flanders,	" H. Waterman,
" Geo. W. Hathaway,	" E. F. Watson.
" Daniel Henshaw,	

The following as entitled to membership, *without the right to vote.*

Rev. *N. G. Allen*,	Rev. A. G. Mercer,
" L. R. Dickinson,	" *Eli W. Stokes*,
" D. L. B. Goodwin,	" *A. Dalton.*

Also the following Lay Delegates and Substitutes were reported as having been duly elected by their respective parishes:

PLACES AND CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	SUBSTITUTES.
	PROVIDENCE COUNTY.	
Providence. St. John's,	Robert H. Ives,	*Wm. Goddard*,
	W. T. Dorrance,	*Geo. H. Whitney*,
	Ezra W. Howard,	Amasa Paine,
	Russell M. Larned.	*Seth Adams, Jr.*
Grace,	S. Augustus Arnold,	*Alexr. Hodges*,
	W. B. Sayles,	H. H. Burrington,
	Wm. Grosvenor,	*W. B. Blanding*,
	E. D. Fogg.	*Wm. Hicks.*
St. Stephen's,	Resolved Waterman,	*William Binney*,
	Gideon Gurnett,	*Jas. H. Mumford*,
	Wm. Field,	*J. N. Sherman*,
	Wm. Burroughs.	*C. E. Whitaker.*

PLACES AND CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	SUBSTITUTES.
	PROVIDENCE COUNTY.	
	B. B. Wood,	*G. W. Talbot,*
	J. S. Simmons,	*W. S. Clark,*
St. Andrew's,	W. H. Wilson,	*L. C. Lawton,*
	J. E. Cranston.	*J. Saunders.*
	Thos. R. Dix,	*James L. Jones,*
N. Providence.	Samuel H. Vinson,	*G. L. Spencer,*
St. Paul's,	*C. B. Farnsworth,*	*Chas. Paine,*
	T. R. King.	*Nathaniel Fairbrother.*
	Geo. S. Wardwell,	*Edmund Bacon,*
Woonsocket.	*Geo. C. Wilson,*	*A. J. Varney,*
St. James's,	*Stephen N. Mason,*	*Harding Knight,*
	Eli Pond.	J. B. Walker.
	W. A. J. Wilkinson,	*Daniel Hale,*
Manville.	*W. H. Beebe,*	*James Buxton,*
Emanuel,	*Bradbury C. Hill,*	*Carlisle Vose,*
	W. W. Waterman.	*William Bates.*
	Nathan B. Sprague,	*J. S. Sprague,*
Greeneville.	*Anthony Steere,*	*C. H. Eddy,*
St. Thomas,	*H. W. King,*	*Burrill Bartlett,*
	Thos. Barnes.	*Jas. Sykes.*
	Baylies Bourne,	*C. James Congdon,*
Lonsdale.	*James Gildred,*	*Edward Congdon,*
Christ,	Geo. A. Kent,	*Esek W. Dexter,*
	Stephen N. Bourne.	*John Kilburn.*
	Edward M. Winsor,	*Edmund A. Angell,*
Johnston.	Pardon F. Brown,	*Russell Handy,*
St. Peter's,	*Edward Hale,*	*Isaac Brown,*
	Sterry S. Sweet.	*Richard Brown.*
	BRISTOL COUNTY.	
Bristol.	Benj. Hall,	Wm. Fales,
St. Michael's,	George Pearce,	*J. D. Waldron,*
	Thos. J. Usher,	*L. W. Richmond,*
	Jas. D. W. Perry.	*Robert S. Andrews.*
Warren.	George Lewis Cooke,	*W. H. Turner,*
St. Mark's,	*James Gardner,*	*Chas. T. Childs,*
	George Wheaton,	*Haile Collins,*
	Elbridge G. Wheaton.	*W. H. Collins.*

NEWPORT COUNTY.

Newport.	David King,	*Edward King,*
Trinity,	*M. C. Slocum,*	*George Hall.*
	Duncan C. Pell,	John H. Cozzens,
	Wm. S. Whetmore.	*Moses Norman.*
	William Rider,	*M. W. Spencer,*
Zion,	Wm. C. Cozzens,	*George Cozzens,*
	Chas. H. Mumford,	*William Cornell,*
	Samuel B. Vernon.	*James Atkinson.*
	Thomas Oman,	*Willard Eddy,*
Emanuel,	*Henry Brundridge,*	*Edward Smith,*
	Philip Mackington,	*Philip Armstrong,*
	Thomas Millington.	*George Birkenshaw.*
Portsmouth.	John Burrington,	
St. Paul's,	*Thos. G. Potter,*	
	G. W. A. Howard,	
	James M. Keith.	

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Westerly.	*Rowse Babcock,*	*Lyndon Taylor,*
Christ,	*Edwin Babcock,*	*H. N. Campbell,*
	Oliver D. Wells,	*Edwin P. Brown,*
	David Smith.	*Horace Babcock.*
Wickford.	A. M. Thomas,	*J. J. Reynolds,*
St. Paul's,	G. Freeborn,	*B. P. Bates,*
	James Eldred,	*S. H. Vaughn,*
	W. A. Shaw.	*H. N. Reynolds.*

KENT COUNTY.

E. Greenwich.	*James B. Pierce,*	*D. Greene,*
St. Luke's,	*James H. Eldridge,*	*S. S. Whiting,*
	John C. Brown.	*E. Stanhope,*
	Henry Fidler.	*S. B. Wickes.*

The above Report was adopted.

The Roll was then called.

The Convention proceeded to ballot for a Secretary, which resulted in the re-election of the Rev. W. H. Mills.

The Rules of Order were read.

The following Committees were appointed by the Bishop:

On Finance.	*On Unfinished Business.*
G. S. Wardwell,	Rev. G. W. Hathaway,
W. T. Dorrance,	" T. H. Vail,
J. H. Cozzens.	Daniel Hale.

On the Application of New Parishes.

Rev. H. Waterman, Rev. B. P. Talbot,
W. B. Sayles.

The Bishop then delivered his Annual Address.

ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

Through the goodness of God, we are allowed to meet together once more, in Annual Convention. The ranks of the Clergy have remained unbroken by death; but, since our last meeting, one of the most respected and venerable of our Laity has passed away from earth. In the parish of Saint John's, Providence, and in the Diocese at large, the name of the Hon. Thomas Burgess has long been identified with every good word and work. As a member of the Standing Committee, and in various other relations, he has served the Church most efficiently and faithfully. A kind Providence spared him to us, until he had filled up the measure of his days, and now he is gathered in as a shock of corn fully ripe in its season. May we all have grace to emulate his spotless integrity, that, when the Master calleth us, we also may be found ready to depart and be with him.

Another layman of the Diocese, who for forty years has represented the parishes of Trinity and Zion Church, Newport, in this Convention, whose generous hospitalities were always most freely rendered, and whose uniform kindness our clergy will long have occasion to remember, has also entered into his eternal rest since we last met together. There are very few of our number who can remember the time when Stephen T. Northam first identified himself with the interests of the church. And as the shades of evening gathered around him, as pain and sickness laid him low, he bore the trying discipline with the fortitude of a Christian Martyr,

till at last he slept in Jesus. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

On the Sunday following the last Convention, I preached at Valley Falls, in a hall secured for the occasion. This is one of the many villages in the State, where a faithful missionary might, in process of time, secure the permanent establishment of the Church. No one, who is at all familiar with the state of things in these places, will question the expediency of more vigorous efforts on our part, to give them the Gospel.

On the next Sunday, June 24th, I visited the Mission Station at Olneyville, catechized the children, and confirmed five persons. Within three months after this, through the indefatigable labors of the Rev. Mr. Babbitt, a spacious and very convenient house of worship was erected, and a parish regularly organized, under the name of the Church of the Messiah. Great success continues to attend his labors, and accessions are made to the ranks of the congregation almost every week. The new Church has not been consecrated, it being necessarily held at present as private property.

On Tuesday, June 26th, I assisted at the consecration of St. Paul's Church, Hartford, and preached the sermon. Bishops Brownell and Lee, of Iowa, and a large number of the Connecticut Clergy were present.

June 28th, a meeting of the Convocation was held at St. Thomas' Church, Greeneville, where we enjoyed a pleasant and profitable season. The favorable result of the Rev. Mr. Eames' labors in this place, indicates what could be done by the same vigorous efforts in other parts of Rhode Island.

In the month of July, I delivered an address before the students of Trinity College, Connecticut, on the day preceding Commencement. The pecuniary ability of this institution has been recently increased by liberal donations and bequests, and if churchmen were as ready to patronize their own Colleges, as the members of other denominations, the number of students in this Seminary of learning would better correspond with the advantages which it furnishes for a sound and liberal education.

The corner stone of St. Peter's Church, Johnston, was laid on Tuesday, July 24th, with the usual ceremonies. The congregation in this place having outgrown the accommodations furnished by the humble structure erected there a few years since, a beautiful gothic church of stone, after designs furnished by Mr. Wills, of New York, will soon be substituted in its place. When this

edifice is completed, it will stand as a monument of the indefatigable toil of the Rector, who, at much pecuniary sacrifice, in season and out of season, by earnest appeals, and with the labor of his own hands, has given himself to the work of building the Lord's House. It is to be hoped that the small amount of money which is still needed in order to the completion and proper furnishing of the Church, will not be withheld.

On Saturday of the same week, I also laid the corner stone of Emanuel Church, Newport, Bishop Potter of Pennsylvania, and a number of clergymen from various places being present, with a large assemblage of people. This is a spacious church, designed by Mr. Upjohn, after the gothic order, with his usual taste and skill, and is built entirely by contributions made in the city of Newport. The Rev. Mr. Brewer, Rector of Emanuel Church, who has identified himself so heartily, and at such sacrifices, with the advancement of this important enterprise, has every reason for hope and encouragement.

On the succeeding Sunday I preached in Trinity Church, Newport, where a liberal contribution was received to aid in the support of this new parish.

On Sunday, September 23d, I visited Christ's Church, Lonsdale, preached, and confirmed four persons.

The second Quarterly Meeting of the Convocation was held in St. Paul's Church, North Providence, on the 10th and 11th of October, when the usual public services were held, and the clergy in their private conferences discussed several matters pertaining to the welfare of the Church.

On Sunday, October 14th, the new Church in Olneyville was opened for public worship, and I preached in the evening to a large congregation.

I had the pleasure of attending the annual meeting of the General Board of Missions, held in New York, on the 17th of this month. The most fraternal feeling prevailed throughout all the deliberations, and a new impulse was given to the great work of extending the Gospel and the Church. It was pleasant to hear that this Diocese had doubled its contributions to domestic missions during the current year, and also to find that in proportion to the number of Parishes, more had been given by this Diocese to the General Missions of the Church, than by any other, except New York and South Carolina.

On Sunday, the 28th, I preached again at Valley Falls, but regret to say that we have not yet been able to sustain regular services in that village.

On Sunday evening, November 18th, I preached in St. Andrew's Church, Providence, and confirmed two persons.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Convention, was held in Grace Church, Providence, on the 15th and 16th of January. Nearly all the Clergy of the Diocese were present, and the exercises, both public and private, were of the most interesting and pleasant character.

On Wednesday, February 20th, I was present at a meeting of what is now known as the Church Extension Society, held in Chicago. Bishops Kemper and Lee, of Iowa, with several of the Clergy and Laity, took part in the deliberations of the Society. The special object of this organization, is to purchase land in our Western towns, as the site of churches and parsonages, while it can be procured for a comparatively small sum; one of the most judicious and promising investments that has ever been projected.

On the First Sunday after Easter, I preached the annual sermon in Boston, before the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen; and on the 16th of April, I attended the Annual Meeting of our Convocation, in St. Mark's Church, Warren.

On Ascension Day, I preached in St. Andrew's Church, Providence, and confirmed seven, making in all nine persons during the year. This Church is about to be greatly improved in its appearance, and so enlarged that its accommodations will be doubled in capacity.

On the Sunday after Ascension, I visited St. Stephen's Church, Providence, preached, and confirmed six persons.

On Sunday, May 6th, I preached in St. Philip's Church, Crompton, and confirmed a sick person in private. The following day, I visited the Mission Station at Fiskeville, and preached in the evening. It is greatly to be desired that each of these places should have the entire services of a resident Clergyman, and if the contributions to our Missionary funds shall warrant the arrangement, it will be speedily effected.

On the 8th of May, I preached in St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich, and confirmed four persons.

On Whitsunday, I confirmed twenty-four persons in Grace Church, Providence, ten of whom were from the ranks of our most active and influential young men,— a class whose interest in the Church, it is most important to secure. In the evening, I

preached in Christ Church, Lonsdale, and confirmed nineteen, which makes the whole number confirmed in this Parish, during the year, twenty-three.

On Tuesday, in Whitsun week, I visited St. Paul's Church, Wickford, preached, and confirmed six persons, one of whom is a member of St. Stephen's Church, Providence. A neat and commodious parsonage, has been completed since our last Convention, and this Parish has never been more prosperous than it is now.

An intermediate meeting of the Convocation was held during this week, in St. John's Church, Providence, when we were favored with the attendance of some of our brethren, who were formerly co-laborers with the Rhode Island Clergy, and have for some years past, been occupied in other places.

On the 16th of May, I preached in St. James's Church, Woonsocket, and confirmed fourteen. The present building has become too strait for the congregation, and the ground has been broken for the enlargement of the Church. A beautiful plan has been furnished by Mr. Warren, of this City, and the edifice is to be entirely remodeled, at a cost of four or five thousand dollars. I desire to record our grateful obligation to the Bishop and Churchmen of Massachusetts, for their liberal recognition of the Rev. Mr. Talbot's occasional services in the neighboring districts of that Diocese, as evinced by their cheerful contributions to this good work.

On the morning of Trinity Sunday, I ordained to the Priesthood the Rev. Leigh R. Dickinson, in Zion Church, Newport, of which Parish he is now the Rector. The other Episcopal Churches in the city were closed, and the Rectors of the same, with as many of their people as could be accommodated, participated with us in the services. Peculiar interest was imparted to this occasion by the presence of my revered friend, the Rev. Dr. Stone, of Massachusetts, in whose church, and under whose advice, twenty years ago, I was received into the Ministry of the Church. The sermon was preached by Dr. Stone, and the candidate presented by him. Mr. Dickinson enters upon his labors under the most flattering auspices, and we pray that God may give him an abundant blessing. At the same time and place, I admitted to the order of Deacons, Mr. A. Dalton, Principal of the Berkeley School, and formerly a minister of the Baptist denomination. The candidate was presented by Rev. Mr. Brewer.

In the afternoon I preached in Trinity Church, and confirmed twenty-five, one of whom came from Zion Church.

In the evening I preached in Emanuel Church and confirmed eleven.

On Monday, attended by the Rev. Mr. Brewer, and more than fifty church people, from Newport, I crossed over to Conanicut Island, and visited St. Matthew's Church, Jamestown. The interior of this Church has recently been improved, and the faithful services of the Rev. Mr. Anthony, rendered gratuitously, are not without encouragement.

On Tuesday morning, I preached in the Chapel of the Holy Cross, Middletown, and confirmed two persons. In the afternoon I preached in St. Mary's Church, South Portsmouth, and confirmed fifteen. On Wednesday forenoon, I confirmed a sick person privately, belonging to the congregation of St. Mary's. The patient and earnest labors of the Rev. Mr. Williams, within the limits of his scattered cure, have been rewarded with an abundant blessing. In the afternoon I visited St. Paul's Church, North Portsmouth, preached, and confirmed four. In the evening I preached to a large congregation in St. Michael's Church, Bristol.

On Friday, the 23d, I preached in Emanuel Church, Manville, and confirmed five.

On the morning of the first Sunday after Trinity, I preached in St. John's Church, Providence, and confirmed seven persons, one of whom was from Grace Church. The commodious and beautiful chapel connected with St. John's, is now opened, and appropriated to its sacred uses.

In the evening, I preached in St. Paul's Church, North Providence, to a very crowded congregation, and confirmed twelve.

On Wednesday, May 28th, I visited Christ Church, Westerly, confirmed three persons privately, in the forenoon (who were hindered by sickness from going to the sanctuary;) preached in the afternoon, when several adults were baptized by the Rector; preached again in the evening, and confirmed seven.

On the second Sunday after Trinity, I preached in St Thomas's Church, Greeneville; and on Wednesday, the 4th, in St. Mark's Church, Warren.

On the third Sunday after Trinity, I preached in St. Peter's Church, Johnston, and confirmed eight. In the evening, I preached in the Church of the Messiah, Olneyville, and confirmed three persons, one of whom was from Grace Church, Providence.

The whole number confirmed during the year, is one hundred and ninety-five.

The Rev. N. G. Allen has been received into this Diocese, from the Diocese of New-York; the Rev. D. L. B. Goodwin, from the

Diocese of Massachusetts; the Rev. Leigh R. Dickinson, from the Diocese of Massachusetts; and the Rev. A. G. Mercer, from the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

The following gentlemen are candidates for Orders in this Diocese; Messrs. O. Sievers Barten, E. W. Maxcy, Augustus Bush, and George B. Payne.

The Rev. Benjamin Watson has been transferred to the Diocese of Western New-York; and the Rev. K. J. Stewart, to the Diocese of Virginia.

I have received canonical notice of the removal from the Ministry of the Rev. J. S. Davenport, by the Bishop of Western New York; of the Rev. A. L. Converse, by the Bishop of South Carolina; of the Rev. William Markoe, by the Bishop of Wisconsin; of the Rev. G. H. Doane, by the Bishop of New Jersey; of the Rev. William H. Marsh, by the Bishop of New-York; the Rev. John Henry Linebaugh, by the Bishop of Georgia; the Rev. Edward Waylen, and the Rev. John P. Robins, by the Bishop of Maryland; and the Rev. H. M. Roberts, by the Bishop of Indiana.

Nothing has occurred in the Diocese during the year, which calls for special attention at the present time. A spirit of unbroken harmony prevails, and all our churches are in a healthy and prosperous condition. The effort now in progress, in some of our Parishes to provide for the support of public worship by direct taxation of the pews, or, which is far better, to transfer the pews from all individual ownership to that of the Parish, and thus secure an income for the Church from their annual rental, it is to be hoped may prove successful. The evils which grow out of the system that prevails so extensively amongst us, and so far as I know, is altogether unknown in other Dioceses, of making the clergyman's support to depend upon voluntary subscriptions, are very obvious. The pecuniary burden is liable to fall very unequally and unfairly upon the congregation, for there are, in almost every community, some individuals who will desire to get their religion, as they do everything else, at the cheapest possible rates, and therefore the more liberal must either supply their lack, or the clergyman be left to suffer. Again, whatever is given for any purpose, through the medium of voluntary subscription, seems to partake, more or less, of the nature of a charitable donation, and there is no more reason why a minister of the Gospel, who gives all his time and talents to the service of the Church, cutting himself off from all other means of livelihood, should be dependent for his salary upon the

fluctuations of charity, than the officers of a bank, or an insurance company. But, perhaps the worst feature in this system, is seen in the fact, that pews may be owned by persons not of our own communion, and the rents which they receive from the actual occupants, so far exhaust the pecuniary ability of those who attend upon our services, that they are positively unable to do anything for the direct support of the gospel; so that a Church may be filled with worshippers and yet have no revenue whatever.

It may be impracticable, in many cases, now to put this matter upon the right footing, inasmuch as the unanimous consent of the proprietors is needed in order to change the terms of the charter; but wherever it can be done, without inducing still greater evils than exist under the present system, I trust that a reform will be effected. I would also suggest whether some action may not be desirable on the part of the Convention, with reference to the form of future parochial organization

I am unwilling to close this address without expressing my most cordial sympathy with the feeling which prompted the memorial presented to the House of Bishops at the last General Convention, and which asked for the adoption of such measures as would tend to bring our church into more direct contact with the masses of the people, and adapt her modes of operation so as to act with greater efficiency upon the life and mind of the present age. There is no communion in christendom which has less to apprehend from the spirit of ruthless innovation than our own; and there is none in which a wise adaptation to the exigencies of times and occasions would be attended with more abundant returns. As it is, we have a steady and substantial growth, that is not surpassed by any other body of Christians; but the christian element itself, does not keep pace with the general advance of the country. Upon the whole, there is reason to fear that the world gains upon us; and what is a communion of a hundred thousand, in a population verging upon thirty millions? And yet, this little leaven might leaven the whole lump, if the free and heavenly spirit of Christ actuated us. This would lift us forward more than all our legislation, and without this, the wisest contrivances must come to naught.

THOMAS M. CLARK,
Bishop of the Diocese of Rhode Island.

On motion, it was voted, that two Committees, each consisting of three persons, be appointed on the Bishop's

Address,—one on that portion relating to the support of the Clergy, and the Organization of Parishes, and the other on that portion relating to the Memorial.

The following persons were accordingly appointed:

On the Support of the Clergy and the Organization of Parishes.

Resolved Waterman, G. S. Wardwell,
G. L. Cooke.

On the Memorial.

Rev. T. H. Vail, Rev. A. G. Mercer,
Robert H. Ives.

The Rev. B. B. Babbitt presented an application from the Church of the Messiah, Providence, for admission into union with the Convention; which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on the Application of New Parishes.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Convention, was postponed until to-morrow.

The Standing Committee reported as follows:

The Standing Committee of this Diocese, elected at the Annual Convention of last year, at a meeting held at the Vestry Room of St. John's Church, immediately upon their election, on the 13th. of June, held their first meeting and organized, the Rev. Dr. Crocker being appointed President, and the Hon. Judge Burgess Secretary.

At this meeting certain papers in relation to the Rev. Eli W. Stokes, absent from the country, and for some time a missionary in Africa, were presented, and referred to the Rev. Mr. Vail and Judge Burgess, as a Sub-Committee, with powers to consider and act in the premises, which Sub-Committee, at the next subsequent meeting reported that the subject referred to them had been finally disposed of.

At a meeting held on the 27th day of March, 1856, at the house of the President, the Rev. Leigh Richmond Dickinson was recommended to the Bishop for Priest's Orders, and Mr. Asa Dalton, a candidate of this Diocese, was recommended for Deacon's Orders.

The foregoing facts comprise the doings of this Committee, for the past Conventional year, and are collected from the Records of the late Secretary.

In closing this Report, the Standing Committee cannot withold the expression of their sincere sorrow in parting with their venerable and honored Secretary, so recently deceased. For fourteen years, Judge Burgess (elected at the Convention of 1842) has been a member of this Committee, and for the last eleven years its Secretary. Always prompt to his religious obligations, amid his many secular engagements, conscientious in the discharge of every duty, a diligent officer, a patient and upright counsellor, a gentle friend, an honorable man, a faithful follower of our Lord, he lived a worthy example of christian character, and "as a shock of corn fully ripe in his season," he has "been gathered unto his fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious and holy hope; in favor with God, and in perfect charity with the world."

May God "grant us grace so to follow his blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which he has prepared for those who unfeignedly love him, through Jesus Christ our Lord."

In behalf of the Committee,

THOMAS H. VAIL,

Secretary, pro tem.

Providence, R. I., June 10, 1856.

The Board of Missions reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Missionary Convocation of the Diocese respectfully report to the Convention that meetings have been held in St. Thomas', Greeneville; St. Paul's, North Providence; Grace, Providence; St. Mark's, Warren, and St. John's, Providence.

These meetings have been well attended by the members, and the customary business transacted, with great unanimity of feeling, and promptitude of action. The religious services in connection

with the Convocation, have been numerous and full of interest; the word of God has been preached plainly, practically, earnestly; and the Divine blessing upon it, invoked by many devout hearts, and we feel assured that the seed thus sown will spring up and "bear much fruit." A greater freedom of fraternal intercourse, and mutual interchange of opinion and sentiment, on points connected with ministerial duty, and a more decided devotional aspect seemed to have been imparted to the private meetings of the Clergy, and we think we express the mind of all, in saying that each one has returned to his own Parochial work with renewed zeal and courage.

The receipts for the last year, not including contributions for the Itinerant Mission, have amounted to $1237,78; and the expenditures to $1180,77; leaving a balance of $57.91.

The Parishes and Stations among which this latter sum has been divided, are St. Philip's, Crompton, in connection with the station at Fiskeville; Emanuel Church, Newport; St. Paul's, Portsmouth; St. Peter's, Johnston, and the Station at Olneyville.

Provision has also been made, without involving additional expense, for occasional services in the neighborhood of East Greenwich, Manville, and Jamestown, at the discretion of those clergymen who have charge of these places.

With respect to St. Philip's, Crompton, which has for a long time been almost wholly sustained by the Convocation, there are favorable indications that this Parish will hereafter meet, at least one half of its expenses; and that with a resident Pastor, who could give all his services to it, it would become self-sustaining in a short time.

The aid given to St. Peter's, Johnston, and to St. Paul's, Portsmouth, will probably not be needed beyond the present year.

Soon after our last Report, the Rev. Mr. Babbitt, who had for some time been holding services near Olneyville, in a building known as the "Valley Congregational Church," applied to the Convocation for assistance in prosecuting his work. At the next Quarterly Meeting thereof, Olneyville was recognised as a Missionary Station, and the sum of $250 appropriated to Mr. Babbitt as the appointed Missionary. His undertaking begun in faith and carried forward with indomitable perseverance, has been crowned with remarkable success. A Church Parish has been duly organized, and a commodious house of worship erected for its use. As this Parish will probably apply for admission into union with the Convention during the present session, it is thought unnecessary to speak further of it in this report.

We can hardly help alluding to St. Andrew's, Providence, though we have no right to speak of it on the ground of affording assistance to it. But, as its history from the first is intimately associated with this body, we may be allowed, perhaps, to express our great satisfaction in its prosperity and growth; a growth so palpable that the lines have become too straight for it. We congratulate, therefore, both Pastor and people in the contemplated enlargement of their Church, the means to effect which, we understand, have already been secured.

When we consider, on the one hand, the gradual strengthening of those parts of the Missionary field which have for a number of years enjoyed the Convocation's attention, and on which its funds have been expended, and read therein the pleasing fact of their being able to sustain themselves with less assistance than hitherto, and thereby leave means in our treasury for other parts:—and when we consider, on the other hand, how very few those points are, at which any persistent efforts have been made, in comparison with the whole Diocese,—how wide-spread the destitution of the means of grace as furnished by our Church, how many the places well nigh sunk into a hardened heathenism, worse than that of barbarous lands,—we are constrained to think that the time has come when an enlarged, and more vigorous, and more aggressive policy must be pursued in our missionary operations, if we would be faithful to the trust committed unto us.

Although this is the Sixty-Sixth Annual Convention of our Church, in this Diocese, and One Hundred and Thirty-Four years since the Rev. George Pigot was sent out by the Propagation Society to be the resident Minister in Providence, and One Hundred and Fifty years since the Rev. George Muirson preached, as we believe he did preach, in Providence, and although we have much to be thankful for in our increase of late years, yet, after all, how very little ground of this little State have we yet occupied. In more than one half of the towns our Church is wholly unknown; territorially considered, we scarcely cover a sixteenth part; and all who attend our services constitute less than one-twentieth of the population of the State. Look at the large townships (studded as they are, all over with villages,) of Gloucester, Scituate, Foster, Coventry, West Greenwich, Exeter, Hopkinton, Charlestown, Richmond, Little Compton and Tiverton: in these we have not even a foothold; add to them the smaller towns of New Shoreham and Barrington. South Kingston, one of the largest, if not itself the largest of the townships in the State, is very inadequately supplied. Until recently, Burrillville was as little cared for by us as Botany

Bay, and Cumberland is dependent on the Churches situated in the bordering town of Smithfield. Cranston is new ground to us, unless we reckon within its limits the adjoining village of Fiskeville, where services are held half a day.

In these different towns we could employ immediately, at least twelve men with good effect. Nothing is wanting to secure their services but the means of support; and these means must be ample, for it is vain to expect earnest-minded, hard-working Missionaries on a starving stipend.

Let us, then, in conclusion, awake to the responsibilities of our position, and bestir ourselves to meet the pressing demands made upon us in this our day and generation. Then shall the barren lands rejoice; the earth shall bring forth her increase unto eternal glory, and God, even our own God, shall give us His blessing.

For the Convocation,
JOHN KELLY, *Secretary.*

The Board of Education, and the Board of Sunday Schools made no Report.

The Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes, reported as follows:

The Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes respectfully report, that they have, during the past year, authorized the enlargement of St. Andrew's Church, Providence, and recommended the subject to the favorable consideration of the Churchmen of Rhode Island.

Respectfully submitted,
for the Trustees,
W. T. GRINNELL,
Secretary.

Providence, June 10, 1856.

The Report of the Depository Board, was deferred until to-morrow.

The Report of the Board for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, was deferred until to-morrow.

The Clergy then presented their Parochial Reports to the Bishop. (See Appendix.)

The Committee on the Application of New Parishes, reported, that they found the papers relating to the organization of the Church of the Messiah, Providence, to be of proper form, and that they recommend its admission into union with this Convention.

On motion, it was voted, that the Church of the Messiah, Providence, be admitted into union with this Convention.

The Secretary then called the names of the Lay Delegates from said Parish, when the following persons appeared and took their seats; Messrs. Charles J. Stratford, and Silas R. Kenyon.

The Convention having completed the regular business of the day, their attention was called to an address in behalf of the Western Church Extension Society, by the Rev. C. B. Stout, Agent of that Society.

The Convention adjourned till to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Festival of St. Barnabas,
Wednesday Morning, 9 *o'clock.*

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. George D. Wildes, of Mass. The Bishop officiated in the Ante-Communion Service.

The Roll was called.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The Treasurer of the Convention read his Report, as audited by the Committee on Finance, which, on motion, was received and accepted. (See Appendix.)

On motion, it was voted, that the Convention now take a recess of fifteen minutes for the purpose of allowing the Clergy and Laity, each order by themselves, to confer on a nomination of Clerical and Lay Deputies and Substitutes to the General Convention.

The Convention having again come to order, the Bishop declared the nomination of the Clergy to the Laity, and the nomination of the Laity to the Clergy.

The Laity, balloting upon each person separately, confirmed the nomination of the Clergy, as follows:

DEPUTIES.	SUBSTITUTES.
Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	Rev. B. P. Talbot,
" H. Waterman,	" J. H. Eames,
" G. W. Hathaway,	" D. Henshaw,
" H. Williams.	" S. A. Crane, D. D.

The Clergy, also balloting upon each person separately, confirmed the nomination of the Laity, as follows:

DEPUTIES.	SUBSTITUTES.
Alexander Duncan,	William Binney,
David King,	Benjamin Hall,
G. S. Wardwell,	Duncan C. Pell,
G. L. Cooke.	Ezra D. Fogg.

Pending the election of the above named Deputies and Substitutes to the General Convention, the Committee on Finance made their report on the Bishop's Salary, which, with the resolution appended, was adopted.—(See Appendix.)

The Board for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, made their Report, which, on motion was received and accepted. (See Appendix.)

On motion, it was voted, that from any unappropriated funds, the Treasurer of the Convention be authorized to pay the Bishop the sum of $100 for travelling expenses and postage.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented their Report, as follows:

The Committee on Unfinished Business, Report, that three amendments to the Constitution of the Church in the United States were adopted by both Houses in General Convention, and have been made known to the Diocesan Conventions by the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay delegates:

A proposed Article II.
A proposed Article V.
A proposed Article VI.

The proposed amendments are to be found on pages 4th and 5th of the Journal of the General Convention of 1853.

They further report, that a proposed amendment of the 4th Article of the Constitution of this Diocese "striking out the words 'one year,' in the third line, and inserting instead thereof, the words 'six months'" was approved of and laid over to this Convention for final action. (See page 38 of the Journal of 1855.)

They further report, that action upon an amendment to the 12th Article of the Constitution, approved of in the Convention of 1854 (See page 10th of the Journal of 1854) was postponed to this Convention, (See page 39th of the Journal of 1855.)

GEORGE W. HATHAWAY,
THOMAS H. VAIL.

E. W. Howard, Esq., was re-elected *Treasurer* of the Convention.

On motion, it was voted, that the Standing Committee continue the same as last year, the vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge Burgess being supplied.

On motion, Mr. Alexander Duncan was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Standing Committee.

Standing Committee.

CLERICAL.	LAY.
Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	G. S. Wardwell,
" George Taft,	Resolved Waterman,
" G. W. Hathaway,	Alexander Duncan.
" T. H. Vail.	Edward Wolcott.

The Bishop appointed the following persons as a Committee to nominate Trustees of the General Theological Seminary:

Rev. G. W. Hathaway, Rev. J. H. Eames,
W. B. Sayles.

On motion, the following Boards were continued the same as last year:

Board of Education.

Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	E. W. Howard,
" G. W. Hathaway.	G. S. Wardwell.

Board of Sunday Schools.

Rev. J. Trapnell, Jr.,	E. W. Howard,
" D. Henshaw.	R. M. Larned.

Mr. R. H. Ives having declined a re-election to the Board of Trustees, of Churches and Glebes, Mr. W. T. Dorrance was appointed to supply the vacancy; otherwise, the Board was, on motion, continued the same as last year.

The Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes.

W. T. Dorrance,	Amasa Manton,
Alexander Duncan.	W. T. Grinnell.

On motion, the Board for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, was continued the same as last year.

Board of Fund for the Relief of Widows and Orphans.

Alexander Duncan,	Resolved Waterman,
William T. Grinnell.	Edward Wolcott.

The Report of the Depository Board was presented, and on motion, was received and accepted. (See Appendix.)

On motion, the Depository Board was continued the same as last year.

Depository Board.

Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	E. W. Howard,
" H. Waterman.	E. Walcott.

The Bishop then declared the nomination of the following persons as Trustees of the General Theological Seminary:

Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	Rev. S. A. Crane, D. D.,
" Henry Waterman.	Alexander Duncan.

On motion, the above named persons were elected.

The Committee on Finance presented their Report on Current Expenses, which, with the Resolution appended, was adopted. (See Appendix.)

The amendment to Article IV. of the Constitution, approved of by the last Convention, then came up for consideration.

According to the provision of the Constitution, that the two Orders vote separately on the amendment, the result was as follows:

CLERICAL.

YEAS.	NAYS.
Rev. B. B. Babbitt,	Rev. G. W. Chevers,
" D. Henshaw,	" S. A. Crane, D. D.,
" W. H. Mills,	" N. B. Crocker, D. D.,
" T. H. Vail,	" J. H. Eames,
" Jos. Trapnell, jr.—5.	" A. B. Flanders,
	" G. W. Hathaway,
	" B. P. Talbot,
	" F. J. Warner,
	" H. Waterman,
	" H. Williams.—10.

The Clergy having negatived the amendment, it was unnecessary to take the vote of the Parishes.

So the amendment to Article IV. of the Constitution, was lost.

On motion, the delegates from Trinity Church, and also from Zion Church, Newport, were excused from further attendance on the Convention.

On motion, the first amendment to the Constitution of the Church in the United States, proposed by the General Convention, was approved.

On motion, the second and third amendments proposed by the General Convention, were also approved.

The Committee appointed by the Convention in relation to the erection of a monument to the late Bishop Henshaw, reported through the Rev. J. H. Eames, that the monument is finished, and placed in Grace Church Cemetery.

The following resolution was presented, and on motion adopted:

Whereas, The Bishop of this Diocese deems it expedient to sell the homestead estate of the late John Case, situated on Tower Hill, in the town of South Kingston, in the County of Washington, therefore,

Voted and Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes "be requested to take the subject matter hereof into their consideration, and if they shall judge the same expedient, they are hereby authorized and empowered to sell and dispose of

the said estate at public or private sale ; and if the Board of Trustees so order, the Treasurer of this Convention shall execute a deed in the name of this Convention, which shall vest in the purchaser of the estate aforesaid, all the right, title, and interest of this Convention in said estate ; and upon the delivery of the deed aforesaid, the aforesaid Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes, shall receive the proceeds of said sale from the purchaser of said Case estate, so called, and shall invest the same in other real estate, in mortgage, or in bank or other stocks, and receive the rents, income and profits thereof, and also the rents, issues and profits of said estate now remaining unpaid, and duly invest the same, and thereafter shall annually appropriate and faithfully apply the same, according to the true interest and meaning, and to the specific purpose designated by the said John Case, the dower of said estate, as directed in his last will and testament.

Ordered, That $8.00 be paid to the Sexton of Grace Church, for his services in attendance on the Convention

Ordered, That 1000 copies of the Journal of this Convention be printed and distributed under the direction of the officers of this Convention.

Ordered, That the next Annual Convention be held in Grace Church, Providence, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Committee on that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the Memorial to the House of Bishops, presented the following Report :

The Committee on that portion of the Bishop's Address which has reference to the Memorial addressed by sundry persons to the House of Bishops during the session of the General Convention of 1853, report, that they have considered the matter committed to them, and recommend to the Convention the adoption of the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, The P. E. Church in the United States, in the preface to her book of Common Prayer, has accepted from our mother

Church of England, and adopted the rule, that "The particular forms of Divine Worship, and the rites and ceremonies appointed to be used therein, being things in their own nature indifferent and alterable, and so acknowledged, it is but reasonable that upon weighty and important considerations, according to the various exigencies of times and occasions, such changes and alterations should be made therein, as to those who are in places of authority, should from time to time, seem either necessary or expedient;" therefore

Resolved, That whilst protesting against crude and presumptuous change from the mere spirit of change, and against the poor delusion that life can be made only out of organizations, yet we earnestly sympathize with the wish of the memorialists, that the great Catholic idea of the Church of Christ be fully developed, by more thoroughly adapting it to all the wants of the country, and the times; and do therefore commend the whole subject to the General Convention for their most enlarged and thoughtful consideration.

T. H. VAIL,
A. G. MERCER,
R. H. IVES. } *Committee.*

On motion, the above Preamble and Resolution were adopted.

The Committee on that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the Support of the Clergy and the Organization of Parishes, reported, that on account of the importance of the subject, they recommend its postponement, and that the same Committee, with the Bishop as ex-officio Chairman, continue untill the next Convention. Adopted.

The Convention then listened to some remarks of the Rev. Dr. Van Kleek, Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, in behalf of that Board.

After the usual devotional exercises, conducted by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned.

THOMAS M. CLARK, *President.*

WILLIAM H. MILLS, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

Parochial Reports.

PROVIDENCE COUNTY.

GRACE CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 7 ; Infants, 21 ; total, 28. Confirmed, 26. Communicants, 390. Sunday School,—Teachers, 25 ; Scholars, 175. Marriages, 9. Burials, 10. Missionary and Charitable Contributions, $1900.

THOMAS M. CLARK, *Rector.*

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE

Baptisms,—Adults, 4 ; Infants, 17 ; total, 21. Confirmations, 6. Communicants,—added, 12 ; present number, about 300 ; little variation for several years.

I have had but little professional intercourse with the people of St. John's, the past year ; and comparatively few have been added to the communion. These facts are stated in connection, merely because they are suggestive.

The Sunday Schools are under excellent supervision, and in a highly flourishing condition. In the principal Department, we have 270 scholars, and 30 teachers. In the Infant School, 68 scholars. Contributions to Foreign and Domestic Missions, in both, the past year, $252 40. They are pledged for the current year $500 to Domestic Missions. One-quarter of it has been transmitted.

Our colored school consists of 80 persons. In carrying on the whole work, four superintendents, and four librarians have been found essential.

The school for sewing and oral instruction, under the care of Miss Fish, comprises fifty children. The average number of attendants, thirty-four. She is aided by two ladies of the Church. The poor little creatures are making good progress, and so pleased are they, that when dismissed, they linger around their teachers, and it is often difficult to put them on the way to their several homes.

As to our Missionary and Charitable contributions, a correct statement cannot be given, until they are made to pass through the hands of our Treasurer. It is believed they have not been less than in former years.

N. B. Crocker, *Rector.*

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Adult, 1; Infants, 8; total, 9. Confirmed, 7; Communicants,—added, 15; died and removed, 15; present number, about 145. Sunday School,—Teachers, 15; Pupils, 90;—Marriages, 7; Burials, 10.

Some of these statistics are recorded with anything but satisfaction. The number of Baptisms is smaller than any that has been reported from this parish for ten years past. The fact would seem to intimate that our people, as a body, do not "*steadfastly* believe the promises of God made to us in that sacrament."

But in the matter of our "Missionary and other Charitable Offerings," we are happy to report an advance on the liberality of preceding years. Those "offerings" during the last twelve months, have amounted to more than Nine Hundred Dollars. We deem this the more commendable, from the fact, that within the same period, there has been an outlay of Eight Hundred and Twenty-Five Dollars upon the interior of the Church edifice.

H. Waterman, *Rector.*

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 3; Infants, 17; total, 20. Confirmed, 9; Communicants,—added, 15; Died and removed, 11; present number, 55; Marriages, 5; Burials, 12. Sunday School,—Teachers, 10; Scholars, 78.

Communion alms and special offerings, $333,71; regular Sunday offerings, $200; total offerings, $533,71. Appropriated as follows,— Norfolk and Portsmouth sufferers, $36,07; Domestic Missions, $33,35; Foreign Missions, $30,00; Diocesan Missions, $60,00; City Mission, $53.00; Nashotah, $21,00; Widows and Orphans Fund, $15,02; Sunday School, $47,00; the remainder to other objects. In addition to this, $25,50 have passed through my hands for Nashotah, from individuals not connected with St. Andrew's,— and about $150,00 have been raised in the congregation, for the improvement of the music.

We expect soon to enlarge and otherwise improve the Church edifice.

D. Henshaw, *Rector.*

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,— Infants, 16; Confirmations, 6; Communicants,— added, 9; removed, 4; died, 2; present number, 16. Sunday School,—Scholars, 70; Teachers, 8. Marriages, 6; Burials, 7; Communion alms, $27,70.

Last year the Rector of this new Church, reported as the "Missionary of the Valley Station, Providence." During the year, his Station has grown into a fully organized Parish, ready for admission into Convention. The leading event of the year, is the erection of a building for public worship. At the Convocation in Greeneville, application was made, by the people of Olneyville, for the services of the Church in that village. There was then no place of worship, or hall, in the immediate neighborhood, where we could hold service. It was at a season of the year when no attempt to raise money for Church purposes, could be very promising, and beside this, it was very necessary to use despatch in the matter. The missionary, therefore, assumed the responsibility of erecting a suitable building, and, that it might be safe for others to unite with him, he transferred the title to the Convention of the Diocese, reserving to himself the amount of his claim, so far as it may not have been liquidated.

Thus erected, it was not thought safe to build, except in the cheapest manner, and in such a form as would allow of converting the same to some secular purpose. The greater portion of the cost of the building, now rests on the missionary. He would be the more willing to bear this burthen, if it really belonged to him. Still, as the property is good at the price of its first cost, he feels

perfectly safe, in the end, as to the principal invested. It would, however be much better if the title were entirely in the hands of the Parish itself; where, by the terms of the deed to the Convention, it belongs, as soon as the claim of the subscriber is liquidated.

The building is not erected, therefore, as a permanent Church, and is not consecrated; but is merely intended to meet the present necessity of the Church. Its arrangement, with its chancel, robing room, choir room, and lecture room underneath, furnish every convenience for public worship, and present a cheerful and commodious hall for Christian assembly, seating five hundred.

The Parish has strengthened itself, as the statistics show, in spiritual matters to some extent. But the Rector's hands have been tied to the raising and expenditure of money, to such an extent, as to preclude the possibility of giving the proper attention to his more appropriate duties. God grant that the coming year may witness a great change for the better.

BENJAMIN B. BABBITT, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NORTH PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 3; Infants, 13; total, 16. Confirmed, 12; Communicants,—about 220. Sunday School,—Teachers, 22;—Scholars, 175; Library, 620 volumes. Marriages, 29; Burials, 59. Money collected for Missions and other purposes,—for Diocesan Missions, $60; for Foreign Missions, Western Africa, $26 50; for the Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen and Superannuated Clergymen, $15,14; for the Society for the Conversion of the Jews, $5,00; for Sunday Schools, $63; Sunday Offerings, $151,81; American Bible Society, $11,60; total, 333,05.

GEORGE TAFT, *Rector.*

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, WOONSOCKET.

Baptisms,—Adults, 6; Infants, 26; total, 32. Confirmations, 14; Communicants—added, 17; died and removed, 17; present number, 127. Marriages, 27. Burials 19. Sunday School—Teachers, 20; Scholars, 150. Missions,—For Foreign and Domestic, $89 60; Widows and Orphans of Clergy, $8 44. Sew-

ing Circle for parochial and charitable purposes, $60. Contributed for various other charitable objects, $75 30; total, $233 34.

On the 8th of June, the last Sunday in this Conventional year, we held the last service in our old Church edifice in its present form. The Church is to be repaired, enlarged, and otherwise improved, with the addition of a Sunday School room, after very appropriate plans, by Russel Warren, Esq., of Providence. While this work is being done, we expect to continue our regular services in a house of worship belonging to the Congregationalists. If all be completed according to the design, the Church in this village, will, no doubt, by the Divine blessing, be stronger than at any time previous.

B. P. Talbot, *Rector.*

EMANUEL CHURCH, MANVILLE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 3; Infants, 2; total, 5. Confirmations, 5; Communicants—added, 8; died or removed, 10; present number, 33. Sunday School—Teachers, 10; Scholars, 50. Marriages 2; Burials, 9; Contributions,—Bishop White Prayer Book Society, $8 00; Widows and Orphans Fund, $1 50; Sunday School Offerings for Nashotah Mission, $8 00; Foreign and Domestic Missions, $15 00; Sunday offerings, $39 10; Ladies Sewing Circle, (for Parochial purposes,) $140 53; Total, $212 13.

This field is pleasant, though under its present business aspect, it can never be very promising, as the world counts promise, except in the blessing promised the "two or three." There are a few devoted friends of the Church here, who know what it is to practice self-denial, and be thankful.

For several weeks past, a third service, on Sunday evening, has been held in Albion. The services, though new to the people, are very kindly received. A request has also been made for service in another part of the town. May God prosper His work.

F. J. Warner, *Rector.*

CHRIST CHURCH, LONSDALE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 5; Infants, 16; total, 21; Confirmations, (on two occasions) 23. Communicants,—added, 30; died and re-

moved, 22; present number, 123. Sunday School,—Teachers, 20; Scholars, 130. Marriages, 12. Burials, 24. Missionary and Charitable Contributions,—for Rhode Island Missionary Convocation, $60 00; for Domestic Missions, (General Board) $43 04; For Foreign Missions, (General Board,) $31 60; Communion Offerings, $40 82; for Widows and Orphans Fund, $10 00; for Nashotah Theological School, $10 00; for General Missionary in Rhode Island, $4 60; total, $200 06.

This Parish may be reported as prosperous. There has not been during the last year any special interest, though the services have generally been very well attended, and we have not been without tokens of the Divine presence and blessing. A portion of the congregation are migratory in their taste and habits, and consequently our labors with such are less satisfactory and encouraging, though, perhaps, none the less needful and useful. I have received many tokens of generosity and kindness from members of the Parish, for which I would here record my grateful acknowledgements. The Cemetery adjacent to the Church, and which is beautifully located, has been laid out and planted with a variety of ornamental trees, and is being newly enclosed by a substantial fence, at the expense of the Lonsdale Company.

As an evidence of the importance and encouraging nature of Sunday School instruction, I would observe that *eleven* of the *thirty* communicants added, were from the Scholars of the Sunday School, and *fifty-one* dollars of the contributions for Missions were from the offerings of the Sunday School children at their Christmas Festival.

GEO. W. HATHAWAY, *Rector.*

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, JOHNSTON.

Baptisms,—Adults, 3; Infants, 4; total, 7. Confirmations, 8. Communicants,—added, 12; present number, 42. Sunday School,—Teachers, 8; Scholars, 50. Marriages, 1. Burials, 5. Missionary and Charitable Contributions,—Domestic Mission, $5 33; Foreign Missions, $5 13; Widows and Orphans Fund, $5 00; Communion alms, $24 35; total, $39 81.

We have nearly completed a beautiful stone Church, which we hope soon to occupy. A more particular account of it will be given in the next report; but we wish now to express our sincere

thanks to those friends who have so kindly received, and liberally answered our appeals for aid. May the Lord reward them a hundred fold.

The services at Dry Brook are well attended, and are engaged in with much earnestness. We hope the day is not far distant when the Church shall be permanently established in this neighborhood.

WM. H. MILLS, *Rector.*

BRISTOL COUNTY.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BRISTOL.

Baptisms,—Adults, 1; Infants, 20; total, 21. Communicants added, 8; removed, 20; dropped, 2; present number, 271,—Sunday School Teachers, 23; Sunday School scholars, 140; Marriages, 16; Burials, 28. Missionary and charitable collections, $800.

JOSEPH TRAPNELL, Jr, *Rector.*

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, WARREN.

Baptisms, 5; Communicants,—added, 7; died and removed, 11; present number, 131. Sunday School,—Teachers, 20; scholars. 90; total, 110. Marriages, 3; Burials, 8. Charitable contributions,—Foreign Missions, $57 00; Domestic Missions, $37 00; Diocesan (Convocation,) $92 00; for Texas, $38 00; for Iowa, $65 00; for Nashotah, $37 00; for the Jews, 50; Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, $18 00; Depository Board, $3 32; Rector's Library, $28 50; alms for the poor, $33 00; for other purposes, (chiefly Parochial) $67 00; total, $481 32.

JNO. KELLY, *Rector.*

NEWPORT COUNTY.

TRINITY CHURCH, NEWPORT.

Baptisms,—Adults, 5; Infants, 6; total, 11. Confirmations,

24, (one from Zion.) Added to the Communion, 18. Burials, 6. Total amount of collections, not including the Communion offerings, $1 571.

A. G. Mercer, *Rector.*

ZION CHURCH, NEWPORT.

Baptisms,—Adults, 1 ; Infants, 1 ; total, 2. Confirmed, (in Trinity Church) 1. Communicants,—added, 6 ; died and removed, 28 ; present number, 128 ; Sunday School,—Teachers, 18 ; Scholars, 140 ; Burials, 5. Offerings, $454 85 ; Sunday School, Missions, $65 26 ; total, $520 11.

During the greater part of the last year, the Rectorship of this Parish has been vacant. The present Rector began his duties on the first Sunday in April. But a small part of this report, is therefore, the result of his own knowledge and labor. There may have been offerings not included in this report. The number of communicants reported to the last Convention is 160 ; but the late Rector, at his resignation, left a list of 150. Of these, most of the 28 now subtracted, should have been reported as died or removed, in the last annual summary. The changes since the Parish became destitute of a Rector are few, and not estimable by statistics.

The missionary operations in the Sunday School, have been lately placed upon a new footing, and a threefold return is already promised. This step is introductory to a similar effort which the Rector hopes to see made in the congregation at large.

The Parish is indebted to the Rev. D. R. Brewer, Rector of Emanuel Church, for clerical services during the interval between the resignation of Rev. Mr. Watson and the acceptance of the subscriber.

Legh R. Dickinson, *Rector.*

EMANUEL CHURCH, NEWPORT.

Baptisms,—Adults, 4 ; Infants, 35 ; total, 39. Confirmations, 11. Communicants,—added, 22 ; died and removed, 9 ; present number, 67. Sunday School.—Teachers, 24 ; Scholars, 150. Parish School,—1 teacher ; 30 scholars. Marriages, 5. Burials 21 ; three of them for Trinity Church, six for Zion Church. Sunday offerings, $200 50. Donations received for salary of Rector, $600 00 ; for Parish School, the poor, and other objects, $494.

The corner stone of a Church for the use of this parish was laid by the Bishop on the 28th day of July last. It is nearly finished, with the exception of the porch and tower, which will be added when the means are offered. It is a wooden structure, and has been thoroughly built by M. W. Spencer, of Newport, after plans by Richard Upjohn & Co., of New York. It contains about 500 sittings, all of which are to be free. The cost has been about $9,000. $3,300 were raised last summer by the generous efforts of ladies of Trinity Church.

D. R. Brewer, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH.

Baptisms,—Adults, 4; Infants, 8; total, 12. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 3. Burials, 7. Communicants,—died, 1; added, 6. erased, 1; removed, 1; present number, 27. Contributions,—Diocesan Missions, $11 00; Episcopal Missionary Association for the West, $13 00; Foreign Missions, $18 00; total for Missions, $42 00. Widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen, $3 50; Sunday School Library, $2 90; other objects, $24 21; total $72 61.

During the vacancy in the Rectorship of nearly a year, the Parish enjoyed frequent ministerial services from Rev. H. Williams.

The present incumbent took charge of the Parish, May 13th, 1855. Through the blessing of the Holy Spirit, his labors seem not to have been expended in vain. A deep religious interest has pervaded the congregation, some of whom have evinced the same, by a public profession of religion.

A healthy impulse has been given to the Sunday School, in which the Rector has labored assiduously. The names of *forty-two* scholars have been enrolled on its catalogue, while a sufficient number of teachers have cheerfully rendered their welcome assistance.

By penny contributions, the children have purchased a new Sunday School Library, the old library having been sent to two Mission Churches, in Green Point, Long Island. In this instance of charity, the Sunday scholars of St. Paul's were enabled to verify the promise, "*Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days,*" as, on Christmas day, a lady of a neighboring Parish presented them with fifty-eight new volumes of the American Sunday School Union's publications.

Much of the interest manifested in this department of Parochial labor, is believed to be due to the introduction and use of the *Liturgy and Hymns* published by the Evangelical Knowledge Society.

The children have contributed towards the purchase of books, $5, and $3 60 for twenty-four copies of the Carrier Dove.

Six thousand pages of the Evangelical Knowledge Society's tracts have been doing their silent and heavenly work in the Parish, while forty copies of the Parish Visitor have found a monthly welcome in as many families.

The church has been thoroughly repaired, and painted. A chancel and robing room have been added, and a bell tower erected. The exterior of the building has been painted of a light stone color, and the walls of the interior have been hung with oak paper; the pews and gallery grained, to correspond. The expense incurred is $800.

Heating apparatus, at a cost of $100, has also been provided. Inside blinds, and carpeting for entries, aisles and chancel, have been secured by the Ladies' Association, for the sum of $80. The Parsonage has been put in complete repair, and painted, at a cost of $50, while blinds for the windows thereof, have been kindly presented by the Rector of St. Mary's. Total outlay on Church and Parsonage, $1 030.

To Miss S. Gibbs are we indbeted for two chancel chairs, a monogram for the Communion Table, and an appropriate pulpit.

In reviewing the history of the Church in this place, the parishioners may well be grateful to the nursing care of the Convocation. Although in a settlement founded by the followers of Penn, it has made a gradual and healthy progress; and has attracted to its fold, a substantial yeomanry, who are beginning duly to appreciate its scriptural and conservative institutions.

During the twenty-three years of its existence, assistance has been received from the Convocation to the amount of $2,831 09, while the Parish have refunded $868 80.

N. G. Allen, *Rector.*

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, JAMESTOWN.

Communicants,—Died and removed, 2; present number, 10. Burials, 6. Contributions,—For Missionary purposes, $4 00; for Widows and Orphans Fund, $2 00; other objects, $26 50; total, $32 50.

George Anthony, *Deacon.*

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH, AND HOLY CROSS CHAPEL, MIDDLETOWN.

Baptisms,—Adults, 15; Infants, 13; total, 28. Confirmations, 18. Communicants,—Added, 16; removed, 5; present number, 40. Sunday School,—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 30.—Marriages, 1. Burials, 2. Missionary and charitable contributions, $45 56.

H. Williams, *Missionary.*

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

CHRIST CHURCH, WESTERLY.

Baptisms,—Adults, 5; Infants, 9; total, 14. Confirmations, 10. Communicants,—added, 19; died and removed, 16; present number, 173. Sunday School,—Teachers, 14; Scholars, 75. Marriages, 5. Burials, 1. Missionary and charitable contributions,—Missions, $200; other charities, $200; total, $400.

Thomas H. Vail, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WICKFORD.

Baptisms,—Adults, 4; infants, 2; total, 6. Confirmations, 6; one of the candidates, from St. Stephen's, Providence. Communicants,—added, 5; died and removed, 3; present number, 77. Marriages, 4. Burials, 9. Sunday School,—Teachers, 7; scholars, 50. Sunday offerings, $160 53. Communion alms, $12 14. Offerings Sunday School, $9. Collections,—Foreign Missions, $27 52; Domestic Missions, $21; Widows and Orphans Fund, $5; paid into the treasury of the Convocation, $50. In addition to this, a Parsonage has been erected at a cost of some $2000.—The whole amount contributed the past year for various purposes, in and out of the Parish, $2,285 19.

The Rector would respectfully acknowledge many tokens of affectionate regard from members of the Parish, and express his obligations to the Rev. Mr. Carpenter for many fraternal helps, in his official relation.

A. B. Flanders, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, TOWER HILL.

I have continued services in this Church the past year, as usual. I have attended two funerals, one of which was in St. Matthew's, Jamestown. There has been one added to the communion.

ELISHA F. WATSON, *Rector.*

KENT COUNTY.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, EAST GREENWICH.

Baptisms,—Adults, 2; infants, 7; total, 9. Confirmations, 4. Communicants,—Added, 4; removed, 6; present number, 64. Marriages, 2. Burials,—2 infants, 4 adults; total, 6. Sunday School in fair condition, but might be much larger, could a greater number of constant and faithful teachers be obtained. Offerings of the Parish to Domestic and Foreign Missions, $20; of Bible Class to Greece, $7, and to China, $6; for Sunday School, $12; total, $45.

S. A. CRANE, *Rector.*

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, CROMPTON.

Baptisms,—Infants, 4. Confirmations, 3. Communicants,—Added, 1; died and removed, 3; present number, 15. Sunday, School,—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 35. Marriages, 2. Burials, 13. Missionary and charitable contributions, $130.

G. W. CHEVERS, *Minister.*

STATION AT FISKVILLE.

Baptisms,—Infants, 5. Confirmations, 1. Communicants,—Added, 3; died and removed, 3; present number, 17. Sunday School,—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 50. Marriages, 7. Burials, 2. Missionary and charitable contributions, $110.

A third service on Sunday evenings, has been given at Richmond Mills, to a regular and attentive congregation.

G. W. CHEVERS, *Minister.*

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop :

REPORT OF GENERAL MISSIONARY.

Baptisms,—Infants, 9. Communicants,—Added, 2 ; died, 1; removed, 2 ; present number, 30. Sunday Schools, 2 ; Teachers, 15 ; Scholars, 113. Marriages, 3. Burials, 8.

I have officiated three times each Sunday during the past year, at Greeneville, Burrillville and Centre Dale, until Christmas last, when I omitted the third service at the last station, and have since held it at one of the other places. The interest in all departments of the Parish at Greeneville is gradually increasing, giving the promise of future well-doing.

During the inclemency of the past winter the good work began in Burrillville, was somewhat retarded, but since a more favorable season has opened upon us, there has been an increased attendance upon the services of the Church, and an increased interest in the success of those services.

James H. Eames.

To the Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, D. D :

In consequence of confinement, from sickness, during many weeks of the past year, I was compelled to deny several applications for supplying parishes received at that time. I have, however, officiated in various churches about forty times, and assisted in administering the Holy Communion on several occasions. I also report three funerals and one marriage.

A few weeks since, at the request of a gentleman connected with the Baptist Society, I commenced services in the Baptist house of worship, a commodious, and externally quite a church-like building, nearly new, and heretofore but seldom occupied, situated near the South Ferry. I still hold regular services here twice on Sundays, to congregations consisting of from forty to fifty people, and have organized a Sunday School numbering about twenty five children, with five or six teachers. A new and growing village has recently sprung up in the same vicinity, which, adding to the population, will give additional importance to this missionary field, should future developments prove favorable for the organization of a Parish here.

James H. Carpenter.

Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, D. D :

Since my canonical connexion with this Diocese, I have been in the employment of the "Church Missionary Union, of Providence," and have besides, performed occasional services on Sundays. Within the past year, I have baptized 13 children, and attended 18 funerals. As a missionary in this city I have been employed in part, in ministering to the temporal necessity of the poor, and in part in looking up, in befriending, and counseling such (chiefly of our own household of faith) as have had no other spiritual care and guidance.

D. L. B. Goodwin.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON CURRENT EXPENSES.

The Committee on Finance report that the estimated expenses of this Convention, are One Hundred and Fifty Dollars, which sum has been assessed as follows, viz:

St John's Church,	Providence,		$20 00
Grace "	"		20 00
St. Stephen's "	"		11 00
St. Andrew's "	"		2 00
Ch. of the Messiah,	"		1 00
Trinity Church,	Newport,		17 00
Zion "	"		9 00
Emanuel "	"		1 00
St. Paul's, "	North Providence,		9 00
St. Michael's, "	Bristol,		14 00
St. Mark's "	Warren,		9 00
Christ, "	Lonsdale,		5 00
St. James's "	Woonsocket,		8 00
Christ, "	Westerly,		8 00
St. Paul's, "	N. Portsmouth,		2 00
Emanuel "	Manville,		2 00
St. Luke's "	E. Greenwich,		2 00
St. Paul's "	Wickfold,		2 00
Ascension "	Wakefield,		1 00
St. Peter's "	Johnston,		1 00
St. Philip's "	Crompton,		1 00
St. Thomas's "	Greeneville,		2 00
St. Mary's "	S. Portsmouth,		2 00
Ch. of the Holy Cross,	Middletown,		2 00

The Committee beg leave to recommend the following Resolution for adoption.

Resolved, That the Delegates now pay their several assessments.

GEORGE S. WARDWELL,
WM. T. DORRANCE,
J. H. COZZENS,
} *Committee.*

Providence, June 11, 1856.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON THE BISHOP'S SALARY.

The Committee of Finance have assessed the several Parishes in this Diocese for the Salary of the Bishop, in accordance with the Eighth Canon, as follows, viz:

St. John's	Church,	Providence,	$70 00
Grace	"	"	70 00
St. Stephen's	"	"	28 00
St. Andrew's	"	"	5 00
Trinity	"	Newport,	51 00
Zion	"	"	38 00
Emanuel	"	"	2 00
St. Paul's	"	North Providence,	31 00
St. Michael's	"	Bristol,	40 00
St. Mark's	"	Warren,	30 00
Christ,	"	Lonsdale,	15 00
St. James'	"	Woonsocket,	28 00
Christ,	"	Westerly,	28 00
St. Paul's	"	Portsmouth,	5 00
St. Mary's	"	"	5 00
Emanuel	"	Manville,	5 00
St. Luke's	"	East Greenwich,	13 00
St. Paul's	"	Wickford,	15 00
Ascension	"	Wakefield,	13 00
St. Peter's	"	Johnston,	2 00
St. Philip's	"	Crompton,	1 00
Church of Holy Cross		Middletown,	5 00
St. Matthew's	"	Jamestown,	2 00
St. Thomas	"	Greeneville	3 00
Church of Messiah,		Providence,	1 00

The Committee recommend that the foregoing assessments be collected and paid to the Treasurer on or before the first day of August next.

GEORGE S. WARDWELL,
WM. T. DORRANCE,
J. H. COZZENS,
} *Committee.*

Dr. Convention Expenses (Diocese of R. I.,) in account with E. W. Howard, Tr., Cr.

1855.		
June 14.	Pd J. F. Holmes, Sexton St. John's Church, services for attending Convention,	$ 8 00
" 22.	Pd for Account Book,	2 00
" 19.	Pd M. B. Young for printing and mailing 1000 copies of Special Convention of Sept. 26 & 27, '55, (12 p. & cov.)	27 48
" 24.	Pd W. T. Grinnell expenses incurred for waiting on Bishop elect, (Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark,)	19 55
" 27.	Pd Thomas Burgess for expenses of Standing Committee printing notices of Con. of Bishop and circulars,	15 14
	Pd Providence Daily Post, advertising ditto,	2 00
	Pd Providence Daily Journal advertising ditto,	5 42
	Pd Bishop Burgess expen. attend'g Con. of Bishop Clark,	15 00
	Pd Bishop Hopkins " " " " "	25 00
	Pd Bishop Eastburn " " " " "	10 00
	Pd Bishop Brownell " " " " "	15 00
	Pd Bishop Williams " " " " "	15 00
	Pd J. T. Atkinson for printing circulars for use of Special Convention,	1 50
Aug. 29.	Pd G. H. Whitney for printing, mailing and enveloping 1000 copies Journal of Convention, June, 1855, 56 pages and covers,	95 72
Sept. 3.	Pd Rev. W. H. Mills, Sec'ry, for mailing Journals,	2 49
Sept. 20.	Pd Prov. Mut. Ins. Co., insurance St. Peter's, Johnston, and St. Philip's, Crompton, 7 yrs from Sept. 22, '55, premium notes $72 each, on $1200 amount insured each Church, policies $1,	8 20
1856.		
Mch. 29.	Pd Assessment Prov. Mut. Ins. Co. on St. Peter's Ch., St. Philip's, St. Andrew's,	5 16
June 10.	To balance to new account,	49 22
		$321 88

Due from Ascension Church, Wakefield, assess. 1855 $1.

1855			
June 13.	By balance of old account,		$11 29
" 13.	By amt. transferred from Bishop's Salary acct. by vote of Convention, June, 1855, being part of bal. of that acct. accumulated between death of Bishop Henshaw and election of Bishop Clark, $155 67, added to meet bills, $4 92,		161 59
	By Assessment June 13th, 1855, of		
	St. Mary's Church,	Portsmouth,	2 00
ditto	Ch. of Holy Cross,	Middletown,	2 00
ditto	St. Paul's,	Wickford,	2 00
ditto	Trinity,	Newport,	17 00
ditto	Emanuel,	Newport,	1 00
ditto	Christ,	Lonsdale,	5 00
ditto	St. Mark's,	Warren,	9 00
ditto	St. Paul's,	Pawtucket,	9 00
ditto	St. James,'	Woonsocket,	8 00
ditto	Zion,	Newport,	9 00
ditto	St. Peter's,	Johnston,	1 00
ditto	Christ,	Westerly,	8 00
ditto	Emanuel,	Manville,	2 00
ditto	St. John's,	Providence,	20 00
ditto	Grace,	Providence,	20 00
ditto	St. Andrew's,	Providence,	2 00
ditto	St. Stephen's,	Providence,	11 00
ditto	St. Luke's,	E. Greenwich,	2 00
ditto	St. Paul's,	Portsmouth,	2 00
ditto	St. Michael's,	Bristol,	14 00
ditto	St. Thomas's,	Greeneville,	2 00
ditto	St. Philip's,	Crompton,	1 00
			$321 88

1856. June 11. The above acct. has been examined with the vouchers, and found correct.

GEO. S. WARDWELL,
WM. T. DORRANCE,
J. H. COZZENS,
} *Committee on Finance.*

1856. Jan. 10. By balance to new account, $49 22

Dr. *Bishop's Salary (Diocese of R. I.) in account with E. W. Howard, Tr.* *Cr.*

1855.			
July 2.	To cash paid Rev. J. H. Eames for expenses attending Ecclesiastical trial,	$8 50	
	Pd G. H. Whitney's bill for printing 1500 copies Primary Charge of Bishop Clark,	55 37	
Aug. 30.	Pd Bishop Clark one quarters salary from June 1 to Sept. 1, 1855, at $500 per year.	125 00	
Nov. 20.	Pd Bishop Clark one quarters salary to Dec. 1, 1855.	125 00	
1856			
Mch.	Pd Bishop Clark one quarters salary, to Mch. 1, 1856,	125 00	
	" " " " " to June 1, 1856,	125 00	
	Balance to new account,	167 15	
		$731 02	

1855.				
June 27.	By balance from old account,			91 02
	By Assess. June,	1853,	St. Mark's, Warren,	30 00
	ditto	1855,	St. John's, Providence,	70 00
	ditto	"	Holy Cross Chapel,	5 00
	ditto	"	St. Mary's, Portsmouth,	5 00
Oct. 10.	ditto	"	Grace Church, Providence,	70 00
Nov. 24.	ditto	"	St. James's, Woonsocket,	28 00
Dec.	ditto	"	Christ Church, Westerly,	28 00
Nov. 28.	ditto	"	Trinity Church, Newport,	51 00
Dec. 4.	ditto	"	St. Paul's, Pawtucket,	31 00
Dec. 21.	ditto	"	St. Peter's, Johnston,	2 00
1856.				
Jan. 16.	ditto	"	St. Andrew's, Providence,	5 00
Jan. 30.	ditto	"	St. Mark's, Warren,	30 00
Mch. 29.	ditto	"	Zion, Newport,	38 00
May 7.	ditto	"	St. Michael's, Bristol,	40 00
May 7.	ditto	1854,	" "	40 00
May 7.	ditto	1853,	" "	40 00
June,	ditto	1854,	Zion, Newport,	38 00
May 29.	ditto	1855,	Emanuel, Newport,	2 00
May 29.	ditto	"	St. Stephen's, Providence,	28 00
May 29.	ditto	"	St. Matthew's, Jamestown,	2 00
	ditto	"	St. Luke's, East Greenwich,	13 00
	ditto	"	St. Paul's, Portsmouth,	5 00
	ditto	"	St. Thomas's, Greenville,	3 00
	ditto	"	Emanuel, Manville,	5 00
	ditto	"	St. Paul's, Wickford,	15 00
	ditto	"	Christ, Lonsdale,	15 00
	ditto	"	St. Philip's, Crompton,	1 00
				$731 02

The above has been examined with the vouchers, and found correct.

GEO. S. WARDWELL,
WM. T. DORRANCE, } *Committee.*
J. H. COZZENS,

Providence, June 10, 1856.

June, 1856. By balance to new account, $167 15

Dr. Missionary Convocation. (Diocese R. I.) in account with E. W. Howard, Treas. Cr.

1856.			
May.	Approp'n for year to April 1, '56, to Rev. W. H. Mills, Johnston,	$200	
"	" " " " G. W. Chevers, Crompton,	600	
"	" " " " B. B. Babbit, Providence,	250	
"	" " " " N. G. Allen, Portsmouth,	100	
"	" " " " J. H. Eames, Greeneville,	250	
"	balance due last yr to J. H. Eames,	10	77
"	for build. Ch. of the Messiah Prov. to B. B. Babbitt,	50	
"	for rent Meeting-house to Gov. Jackson,	50	
			$1510 77

E. E., E. W. HOWARD, *Treasurer.*

May 1856.

1855.			
June 27.	By balance of old account,	$ 12	50
1856.			
May.	By pledge for yr. to Ap. 1, '56, of Grace Ch., Prov. of which $72 99 is from Ladies of sd. Ch.,	279	77
"	" " " St. John's, Prov. $200, extra $12,	212	
"	" " " St. Michael's, Bristol, of this $50 is for Ch. of the Messiah, Prov.,	75	
"	" " " St. Stephen's, Providence,	250	
"	" " " St. Andrew's, "	60	
"	" " " St. Mark's, Warren,	80	
"	" " " St. Paul's, Pawtucket,	60	
"	3-4 " " St. Paul's, Wickford,	37	50
"	" " " St. Philip's, Crompton,	100	
"	" " " St. Peter's, Johnston,	50	
"	" " " Christ, Westerly,	80	
"	" " " Christ, Lonsdale,	60	
"	" Donation from St. Paul's, Portsmouth,	11	
"	" Subscriptions and rents, St. Philip's, Crompton,	60	
"	" Cash for rent, Fiskville Meeting-house,	50	
"	" Surplus from acct. traveling expenses of Clergy of Convocation, transferred to this acct. by vote of Convocation,	33	
			$1510 77

Dr. *W. Coggeshall in acct. with Rhode-Island Episcopal Depository.* *Cr.*

1855			1855.			
June 13.	For balance due Depository,	$72 32	Aug. 3.	By paid Episcopal S. S. Union,		$32 15
"	" stock on hand as per inventory,	229 12	" 10.	" Tracts delivered Rev. G. W. Hathaway,		1 44
1856.			" 25.	" Prayer Books delivered Rev. J. H. Eames,		1 00
Mch. 12.	" merchandise rec'd from Epis. S. S. Union,	70 66	1856			
" 12.	" profit on sales, $63 43,	13 50	Feby 17.	" paid freight from New-York to date,		1 62
			Mch. 12.	" 10 per cent. commission on sales, $62 43,		6 34
		$385 60		" stock as per inventory to new acct.,		236 35
				" balance due Depository,		106 70
						$385 60
Mch. 12.	For balance due Depository,	106 70	Mch. 12.	Balance due Episcopal S. S. U., say		70 66
"	" stock on hand as per inventory,	236 35				

W. COGGESHALL.

Providence, March 12, 1856.

Dr. Funds for For. & Domes. Miss. (Diocese of R. I.) in acct. with E. W. Howard, Tr. Cr.

1855.			
Oct. 1.	To cash pd. Hon. Jas. Y. Smith for Norfolk sufferers,	$57	
	To cash forwarded Jas. S. Aspinwall Tr. F. M., N. Y.,	110	
	" " " " " " "	40	
	" T. N. Stanford, Tr. D. M., N. Y.,	100	
Dec. 11.	" " " " " "	53	
Dec. 11.	" J. S. Aspinwall,	204	50
1856.			
Jan. 14.	" " "	13	85
"	" T. N. Stanford,	350	34
Jan. 19.	" Asel D. Cole, Prest. Nashotah College,	21	
Jan. 17.	" T. N. Stanford,	100	
"	" J. S. Aspinwall,	20	
Jan. 18.	" " "	362	
Mch. 25.	" Wm. T. Grinnell, Tr. Wid. & Orph. Fund,	100	
	" Rev. Hiram W. Beers, half yrs. salary as Miss. in Iowa, fm. Mch. 1, 1856.	250	
Apl. 21.	" J. S. Aspinwall,	204	14
May 19.	" " "	50	
"	" American Bible Society,	29	25
	" American S. S. Union,	68	18
	" T. N. Stanford,	7	50
	" J. S. Aspinwall,	257	50
	Amount carried forward,	$2,398	77

	By bal. old acct., (being $10 from Grace Ch., Prov.; $10 from St. Stephen's for Nashotah; $1 from St. John's, Prov., for Iowa, and 50 cts. from St. Mark's, Warren, for Jews.)	21 50
	St. John's, Prov.—Contrib. for Norfolk, $57; Dec. 23, Advent coll. payable order of Epis. Miss. Assoc. Phila, $200 02; Dec. 31, Christmas offering morning S. S. for support Rev. H. W. Beers, miss'nary in Iowa, $117 25; Sunday contributions fm S. S. to Mch 23, '56, for do, $33 39; Cash fm member of St. John's for do, $125; these amounts being on acct. of pledge of $500 for support of said Missionary for year to Mch 1, '57;—Mch 24. '56. Easter coll. for widows and orphans fund, $100; May 6, Ladies coll. for Am. Bible Soc'y. $29 25. Nov. 12, Coll. Gen. Miss. meet'g, for F. M. $140; Ladies St. John's for education Harriet Robeson and Lydia Godfrey, children in Africa, $40; Dec. 31, part of S. S. coll. for Christmas off'g appropriated to Africa, $2 25; Jan. 30, '56, Morning S. S. Sunday collections during year to Jan. 27, for China, $56 35; Mch 13, Colored S. S. Christmas offering for Africa, $8; Apr. 21, Collection colored S. S. during year to Apr. 1, '56, for Africa,—$33 25; Jan. 30, Epiphany coll. for F. M., $250; June 6, Ladies Philanthropic Soc'y. for African mission, of which $20 is for education Anna C. Allen, an African child, $250; June 15, Collection for Am. S. S. Union, $68 18.	1509 94
1855. Sep. 27.	*Grace Ch. Prov.*—For D. M. $100; Dec. 23, Advent coll. from Tr. of Sunday off'gs, $47 60. For F. M. $100; Mch 13, '56, from Tr. Sund. off'gs for Africa, $91 74.	339 34
" Oct. 23.	*Christ Ch. Lonsdale.*—Ladies for Bishop Lee, Iowa, $4; Jan. 9, '56, Advent coll. $20; S. School for Iowa, $9 43; for Illinois, $3 15; for D. M. $6 46; Dec. 31, Africa, $10; Greece, $1 60; Epiphany coll. for F. M. of which $1 is for Sp. of Miss. $21.	75 64
	Amount carried forward,	$1946 42

1856.		
May 19.	Amount brought forward,	$2,398 77
	Bal. to new acct. being $1 for Jews, from St. Mark's, Warren, $25 64 from St. John's, excess over half year's salary of Rev. H. W. Beers received from Sunday School of said Church,	26 64
		$2,425 41

May 19, 1854. E. E. E. W. HOWARD *Tr*

1856.		
Oct. 23.	Amount brought over,	$1,946 42
" Dec. 4.	*St. Luke's, E. Greenwich.*—Advent collection, $12; Bible class for Dr. and Mrs. Hill, Athens, $7; Apr. 1, '56, Young Ladies Bible Class Easter off'g. for mission in China, $6; Epiphany coll. $5 16.	30 16
" Dec. 8.	*St. Mark's, Warren.*—Advent coll. $37; for F. M. $37; Good Friday coll. for F. M. of which 50 cts. is for the Jews, $20 50.	94 50
1856. Jan. 15.	*Christ Ch. Westerly.*—S. S. for African child, $20; Advent coll. $25.	45
1855. Dec. 17.	*St Andrew's, Prov.*—Advent coll. for Minnesota, of which $12 23 is from S. S. $33 35; Epiphany coll. Feb. 12, '56, $30.	63 35
" July 29.	*St. Paul's, Pawtucket.*—A member for F. M. $10; Dec. 3, Education Eliza Taft in Africa, $20; "Little Mary" for F. M. 50 cts.	30 50
1856. Jan. 12.	*St. Peter's, Johnston.*—Advent coll. $5 33; Mch. 13, for F. M. $5 13.	10 46
" " 15.	*St. Stephen's, Prov.*—Advent coll. $100; May 13, for F. M. of which $6 50 is from S. S. $30.	130
" June 10.	*Emanuel Ch. Manville.*—For D. M. $7 50; for F. M. $7 50.	15
" Mch. 8.	*St. Michael's, Bristol.*—For F. M.	32 50
" " 13.	*St. Paul's, Wickford.*—For F. M.	27 52
		$2,425 41

1856.		
May 19.	By balance to new account,	$24 64

Dr. *Charitable Fund in account with William T. Grinnell, Treasurer.* *Cr.*

1856.			
April 8.	To cash paid postages,		36
June 10.	" this amount credited in acct. to balance,		2942 01
			$2942 37

The annexed account has been examined with the vouchers and found correct.

GEO. S. WARDWELL,
WM. T. DORRANCE,
J. H. COZZENS,
Committee on Finance.

Providence, June 11, 1856.

1855.			
June 12.	By balance from old account,		$2328 79
	" interest on amt. in Savings Bank, Jan. 10, 1855,		95 04
13.	" this amt. coll. St. Matthews, Jamestown, "		2 00
1856. 25.	" " " further coll. Grace Church, Prov. "		10 92
Mch. 25.	" " " " St. John's, " 1856,		100 00
	" interest on amount in Savings Bank, Jan. "		103 80
April 8.	" this amt. coll. in Christ Church, Westerly, "		10 00
" 8.	" " " " St. Mark's, Warren, "		18 00
" 27.	" " " " Grace Church, Providence, "		58 10
May 19.	" " " " St. Andrew's, " "		15 07
19.	" " " " St. Matthew's, Jamestown, "		2 00
19.	" " " " Emanuel Ch. Manville, "		1 50
19.	" " " " St. Paul's, N. Providence, "		15 14
19.	" " " " St. James', Woonsocket, "		8 44
June 10.	" " " " Christ Ch. Lonsdale, "		10 25
10.	" " " " St. Stephen's, Providence. "		38 56
10.	" " " " St. Thomas's, Greeneville, "		4 00
10.	" " " " St. Peter's, Johnston, '55 & '56,		5 00
10.	" " " " Emanuel Ch. Newport, 1856,		3 00
10.	" " " " St. Paul's, Wickford, "		5 00
10.	" " " " St. Luke's, E. Greenwich, "		3 25
10.	" " " " Miss. St. Crompton & Fiskville, "		2 75
10.	" " " " St. Mary's, Portsmouth, "		2 00
10.	" " " " Holy Cross, Middlet'n, '55 & '56,		4 00
10.	" " " " St. Michael's, Bristol, 1856,		15 00
10.	" " " " Trinity, Newport, "		68 76
10.	" " " " Zion, " "		10 00
10.	" " " " St. Paul's, Tower Hill, "		1 00
10.	" " " " Messiah, Providence, "		1 00
			$2942 37

Errors and omissions excepted.

WILLIAM T. GRINNELL, *Treas.*

Ascension Church, Wakefield, is the only parish that has not contributed to the fund during the past year.

1856. June 10. By balance from old account, $2942 01

Abstract of Parochial Reports, June, 1856.

PLACES.	CHURCHES.	RECTOR OR MINISTER.	BAPT'MS.			COMM'CTS.			Confirmations.	Marriages.	Burials.	S. S.		Sunday Offerings and Contributions for Religious purposes.
			Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Added.	Died and Removed	Present Number.				Teachers.	Scholars.	
Providence,	Grace,	T. M. Clark, D. D.	7	21	28	—	—	390	26	9	10	25	175	$1900 00
"	St. John's,	N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	4	17	21	12	—	300	6	—	—	34	338	
"	St. Stephen's,	H. Waterman,	1	8	9	15	15	145	7	7	10	15	90	900 00
"	St. Andrew's,	D. Henshaw,	3	17	20	15	11	58	9	5	12	10	78	533 71
	Messiah,	B. B. Babbitt,	—	17	17	9	5	16	6	6	7	8	70	27 70
North Providence,	St. Paul's,	Geo. Taft,	3	13	16	—	—	220	12	29	59	22	175	333 05
Woonsocket,	St. James',	B. P. Talbot,	6	26	32	17	17	127	14	27	19	20	150	233 34
Manville,	Emanuel,	F. J. Warner,	3	2	5	8	10	33	5	2	9	10	50	212 13
Lonsdale,	Christ,	G. W. Hathaway,	5	16	21	30	22	123	23	12	24	20	130	200 06
Johnston,	St. Peter's,	W. H. Mills,	3	4	7	12	—	42	8	1	5	8	50	39 81
Bristol,	St. Michael's,	J. Trapnell, Jr.	1	20	21	8	22	271	—	16	28	23	140	800 00
Warren,	St. Mark's,	Jno. Kelly,	—	—	5	7	11	131	—	3	8	20	90	481 32
Newport,	Trinity,	A. G. Mercer,	5	6	11	18	—	228	24	—	6	—	—	1571 00
"	Zion,	L. R. Dickinson,	1	1	2	6	28	128	—	—	5	18	140	520 11
"	Emanuel,	D. R. Brewer,	4	35	39	22	9	67	11	5	21	24	150	200 50
North Portsmouth,	St. Paul's,	N. G. Allen,	4	8	12	6	3	27	4	3	7	—	—	72 61
South Portsmouth,	St. Mary's,	H. Williams,	5	13	28	16	5	40	18	1	2	5	30	45 56
Jamestown,	St. Matthew's,	Geo. Anthony,	—	—	—	—	2	10	6	—	—	—	—	32 50
Westerly,	Christ,	T. H. Vail,	5	9	14	19	16	173	10	5	1	14	75	400 00
Wickford,	St. Paul's,	A. B. Flanders,	4	2	6	5	3	77	6	4	9	7	50	74 66
Tower Hill,	St. Paul's,	E. F. Watson,	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	
East Greenwich,	St. Luke's,	S. A. Crane, D.D.,	2	7	9	4	6	64	4	2	6	12	80	45 00
Crompton,	St. Philip's,	G. W. Chevers,	—	4	4	1	3	15	3	2	13	5	35	130 00
Fiskville,	Miss. Station.	" "	—	5	5	3	3	17	1	7	2	5	50	110 00
General Missionary,		J. H. Eames,	—	7	7	2	3	30	—	3	8	15	113	
			76	258	339	236	194	2732	203	149	273	320	2259	$8863 03

RULES OF ORDER,

AND A

STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS,

OF THE

CONVENTION OF THE CHURCH,

IN THE DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND.

I. RULES OF ORDER.

1. When the President takes the chair no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the chair.

2. The members of the Convention shall sit in pews contiguous to one another—the delegates of each church occupying one pew.

3. No member shall absent himself from the Convention unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. All special committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

5. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not again be drawn into debate during the session, unlesss with the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

6. When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise, and with due respect address himself to the President, and confine himself strictly to the point in debate.

7 When two members chance to rise at the same time, the President shall determine to whom the preference shall be given ; and all questions of order the President shall decide,—subject to an appeal to the Convention.

8. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

9. No motion shall be acted upon until seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

10. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private conversation to the interruption of the Convention.

11. Every member who is in the Convention when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be personnally interested in the question, or excused by the President.

12. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to postpone, to amend, to divide or to commit.

13. A motion for amendment or postponement shall be considered as the previous question, and be decided before the original motion.

14. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

15. The yeas and nays shall be called and entered on the minutes, when required by one-fifth of the members present.

16. At the request of the President, or on motion, the Convention may resolve itself into a committee of the whole.

17. All elections, when required by two members, shall be by ballot.

18. All other questions shall be decided *viva voce*, or by hand vote, unless a ballot be called for by two members.

19. The sittings of the Convention shall be open to all persons who choose to attend, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

20. After the first day, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning at the opening of the Convention, and if necessary, corrected; and before the rising of the Convention, the whole proceedings of the session shall be read.

21. When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

22. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

23. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be read at the opening of every Convention, and shall be of force, unless repealed by a vote of the Convention.

II. STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS.

After the organization of the Convention as provided for by the Constitution, the following order of business shall be observed for the first day of the session.

I. The business incident to the organization of the Convention, embracing the consideration of application of Churches or Parishes for admission into union with the Convention; reports from special committees appointed at a preceding session of the Convention, &c.

II. Reading of the Bishop's Address.

III. Regular Annual reports, in the following order :

1. Report from the Treasurer of the Convention.
2. Report from the Standing Committee.
3. Report from the Board of Missions.
4. Report from the Board of Education.
5. Report from the Board of Sunday Schools.
6. Report from the Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes.
7. Report from the Depository Board.
8. Report from the Board for Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.
9. Parochial Reports.

The following order of business shall be observed for the second day of the Convention :

I. Elections,—

1. Of Deputies to the General Convention.
2. Of Treasurer.
3. Of Standing Committee.
4. Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.
5. Board of Education.
6. Board of Sunday Schools.
7. Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes.
8. Board for the Relief of Widows and Orphans, &c.
9. Depository Board.
10. Miscellaneous.

LIST OF CLERGY

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church,

IN THE

DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND,

JUNE 12, 1856.

The Rt. Rev. THOMAS M. CLARK, D. D., *Bishop, and Rector of Grace Church, Prov.*

Rev. N. G. ALLEN, *Rec. of St. Paul's Church, N. Portsmouth.*

Rev. GEO. ANTHONY, (Deacon,) *Officiating in St. Matthew's Ch. Jamestown.*

Rev. BENJ. B. BABBITT, *Rector of the Church of the Messiah, Prov.*

Rev. DARIUS R. BREWER, *Rector of Emanuel Church, Newport.*

Rev. LEMUEL BURGE, *Residing in Brooklyn, N. Y.*

Rev. JAMES H. CARPENTER, *Residing in North Kingston.*

Rev. GEO. W. CHEVERS, *Officiating in St. Philip's Church, Crompton, and at Fiskville.*

Rev. SILAS A. CRANE, D. D., *Rector of St. Luke's Church, E. Greenwich.*

Rev. NATHAN B. CROCKER, D. D., *Rector of St. John's Church, Providence.*

Rev. A. DALTON, (Deacon,) *Principal of the Berkeley School, Newport.*

Rev. LEGH R. DICKINSON, *Rector of Zion Church, Newport.*

Rev. JAMES H. EAMES, *Rector of St. Thomas's Ch., Greeneville, and Missionary at Large.*

Rev. A. B. FLANDERS, *Rector of St. Paul's Church, N. Kingston.*

Rev. D. L. B. GOODWIN, *City Missionary, Providence.*

Rev. GEO. W. HATHAWAY, *Rector of Christ Church, Lonsdale.*

Rev. DANIEL HENSHAW, *Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Providence.*

Rev. JOHN KELLY, *Rector of St. Mark's Church, Warren.*

Rev. DANIEL LEACH, *Residing in Providence.*

Rev. A. G. MERCER, *Rector of Trinity Church, Newport.*

Rev. W. H. MILLS, *Rector of St. Peter's Church, Johnston. P. O , Man.on.*

Rev. ELI W. STOKES, (colored,) *Missionary of St. Paul's Parish Monrovia, W. Africa.*

Rev. GEO. TAFT, *Rector of St. Paul's Church, North Prov.*

Rev. B. P. TALBOT, *Rector of St. James's Church, Woonsocket.*

Rev. JOS. TRAPNELL, Jr., *Rector of St. Michael's Church, Bristol.*

Rev. THOS. H. VAIL, *Rector of Christ Church, Westerly.*

Rev. F. J. WARNER, *Rector of Emanuel Church, Manville.*

Rev. HENRY WATERMAN, *Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Providence.*

Rev. ELISHA F. WATSON, *Rector of St. Paul's Church, Tower Hill.*

Rev. HOBART WILLIAMS, *Missionary of Church of the Holy Cross, Middletown, and St. Mary's Church Portsmouth.*

FORM OF A CERTIFICATE
OF THE APPOINTMENT OF LAY DELEGATES.

At a meeting of the parish of ———— Church, ———— regularly called in conformity with the Charter and By-Laws, on the —— day of ———— 185 , Messrs.

were appointed as Delegates from said Parish to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, to be held on the second Tuesday in June, 185 .

At the same meeting, the following persons were also appointed as substitutes :

Attest,

————————, *Wardens.*

————————, *Parish Clerk.*

CANON X.
Of the Election of Lay Delegates.

Any Parish intended to be represented in this Convention, as provided for in the Fourth Article of the Constitution of the Diocese, shall choose its Delegates in a Parish meeting, regularly called in conformity with the Charter and By-Laws of the Parish ; and in addition to the Delegates provided for in said Fourth Article, said Parish shall, at the same meeting, choose four other persons, to be called Substitutes, who, in the order in which they are chosen, shall be entitled to fill the place of any delegate who may resign or be unable to attend ; and such Delegates and Substitutes shall continue in office until the next annual meeting of the Parish; and also until new ones shall have been chosen to take their places.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

CHURCH.

Baptisms—Adults, ; Infants, ; Total, . Confirmations, . Communicants,—added, ; died and removed, ; present number, . Sunday Schools,—Teachers, ; Scholars, . Marriages, . Burials, . Missionary and Charitable contributions, $,

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

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OF THE

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IN THE DIOCESE OF RHODE-ISLAND,

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Proceedings of the Convention.

The Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Rhode-Island, assembled this morning, June 10th, 1857, at ten o'clock, A. M., in Grace Church, Providence.

Morning Prayer was offered by the Rev. Messrs. Hathaway and Talbot.

The Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Crocker, who then presented the Rev. L. W. Bancroft to the Bishop, to be admitted to the order of the Priesthood. The Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Crocker and the Rev. Messrs. Hathaway, Talbot and Bancroft.

After Divine Service, the Bishop took the Chair, and called the Convention to order.

The Rev. L. W. Bancroft was elected Secretary pro-tem.

A list of the Clergy was presented to the Secretary by the Bishop, and the usual Certificates by the Lay Delegates.

The Committee on Testimonials of Clerical and Lay Delegates was appointed by the Bishop as follows:

Rev. T. H. Vail,	G. S. Wardwell,
Rev. B. P. Talbot,	G. L. Cooke.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Hathaway, clergymen not entitled to seats in this body, and candidates for orders, who might be present, were invited to honorary seats in the Convention.

The Convention adjourned till 4 o'clock.

Tuesday afternoon, 4 o'clock.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

The Committee on Testimonials reported the following Clergymen as entitled to membership and the right to vote.

*Rev. *George Anthony*,	Rev. *D. Henshaw*,
" B. B. Babbitt,	" D. Leach,
" *D. R. Brewer*,	" A. G. Mercer,
" J. H. Carpenter,	" *W. H. Mills*,
" G. W. Chevers,	" G. Taft,
" S. A. Crane, D. D.,	" B. P. Talbot,
" N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	" *J. Trapnell, Jr.*

* Those whose names are in Italics, were not present.

Rev. L. R. Dickinson,	Rev. T. H. Vail,
" J. H. Eames,	" F. J. Warner,
" *A. B. Flanders,*	" H. Waterman,
" D. L. B. Goodwin,	" *E. F. Watson.*
" G. H. Hathaway,	" H. Williams.

The following as entitled to membership, but not the right to vote.

Rev. L. W. Bancroft,	Rev. E. W. Maxcy, Jr.
" *L. Burge,*	" *E. W. Stokes,*
" A. Bush,	" Dexter Potter.

The Committee reported also the following Lay Delegates and Substitutes, as having been duly elected by their respective parishes.

PLACES AND CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	SUBSTITUTES.
	PROVIDENCE COUNTY.	
Providence. St. John's,	R. H. Ives,	*Wm. Goddard,*
	Alex. Duncan,	*Amasa Paine,*
	E. W. Howard,	*Seth Adams, Jr.,*
	R. M. Larned,	*S. S. Bucklin.*
Grace,	*Wm. Grosvenor,*	*Wm. Hicks,*
	Edward Walcott,	*Richmond Brownell,*
	Welcome B. Sayles,	*James Jacobs,*
	Wm. T. Grinnell.	*Bradford Shaw.*
St. Stephen's,	Resolved Waterman,	*Wm. Binney,*
	Gideon Gurnett,	*James H. Mumford,*
	Wm. Field,	*Jenks N. Shearman,*
	Wm. Burroughs.	*Caleb Earle Whitaker.*
Church of the Messiah,	*Frederick Burgess,*	*Dugald Mitchell,*
	Edward Deans,	*Jona. F. Kenyon,*
	Joseph Saunders,	Eli Messenger,
	David Davis.	*Lloyd A. Waite.*
St. Andrew's,	Joseph E. Cranston,	——— *Farmer,*
	James Simmons,	*Kinm. Mitchell,*
	Edward Franklin,	*Frank Holden.*
	Wm. Spencer.	

PLACES AND CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	SUBSTITUTES.
	PROVIDENCE COUNTY.	
N. Providence. St. Paul's,	*Thomas R. Dix,*	*James L. Jones,*
	Samuel H. Vinson,	*G. L. Spencer,*
	C. B. Farnsworth,	*C. Payne,*
	Thomas K. King.	*Nathaniel Fairbrother.*
Woonsocket. St. James,	Geo. S. Wardwell,	*A. J. Varney,*
	Stephen N. Mason,	J. B. Walker,
	Harden Knight,	*Charles Sayles,*
	Wm. Booth, Jr.	*George A. Wight.*
Manville. Emanuel,	*W. A. J. Wilkinson,*	*D. Hale,*
	Wm. H. Beebe,	*James Reede,*
	W. W. Waterman,	*W. A. Cole,*
	Wm. Bates.	*A. M. Freeman.*
Greeneville. St. Thomas.	*Nathan B. Sprague,*	John S. Sprague,
	Anthony Steere,	*Harris Evans,*
	Howard W. King,	*William Clegg,*
	Thomas L. Barnes.	*James Sykes.*
Lonsdale. Christ,	Baylies Bourne,	*Joseph Turner,*
	Geo. Kilburn,	*James Geldard,*
	Geo. A. Kent,	*Stephen N. Bourne,*
	P. James Congdon.	*John Kilburn.*
Johnston. St. Peter's,	P. F. Brown,	*E. A. Angell,*
	Sterry Sweet,	*Emory Smith,*
	E. M. Winsor,	*Moses Randall,*
	E. A. Hale.	*John Trainer.*
	BRISTOL COUNTY.	
Bristol. St. Michael's.	Benjamin Hall,	*Robert S. Andrews,*
	James D. W. Perry,	*Jonathan D. Waldron,*
	Thomas J. Usher,	*Lemuel C. Richmond,*
	George F. Usher.	*Joseph Coit.*
Warren. St. Mark's,	George Lewis Cooke,	*Wm. H. Turner,*
	James Gardner,	*Chas. T. Child,*
	George Wheaton,	*Haile Collins,*
	Elbridge G. Wheaton.	Wm. H. Collins.
	NEWPORT COUNTY.	
Newport. Trinity,	Duncan C. Pell,	Thomas R. Hunter,
	Marshall C. Slocum,	*John H. Cozzens,*
	Moses Norman,	*George Hall,*
	Wm. S. Wetmore.	*John L. Barker.*

PLACES AND CHURCHES.	DELEGATES	SUBSTITUTES.
NEWPORT COUNTY.		
Zion,	Wm. Rider,	*Micah W. Spencer,*
	Wm. C. Cozzens,	*George Cozzens,*
	Charles H. Mumford,	*Wm. Cornell,*
	Samuel B. Vernon.	*George A. Richmond.*
Emanuel,	Philip Armstrong,	*Joseph Armstrong,*
	Willard Eddy,	*John Steele,*
	Philip Mackington,	*Thomas Moore,*
	George Fletcher.	*James Pearson.*
Portsmouth.	John Burrington,	*Stephen Thomas,*
	Charles Emery,	*John G. Childs,*
St. Paul's,	Henry H. Burrington,	*Wm. Barker,*
	Joseph Thomas.	*Thomas G. Potter.*
WASHINGTON COUNTY.		
Westerly.	Rowse Babcock,	Lyndon Taylor,
Christ,	*O. D. Wells,*	*Edwin R. Brown,*
	H. N. Campbell,	*Edwin Babcock,*
	David Smith.	*Horace Babcock.*
Wickford.	A. M. Thomas,	*J. J. Reynolds,*
	Gideon Freeborn,	*R. P. Bates,*
St. Paul's,	J. H. Vaughan,	*H. N. Reynolds,*
	Wm. A. Shaw.	*James Eldred.*
Wakefield.	Elisha Watson,	
Church of the Ascension.	Attmore Robinson,	
	William C. Watson,	
	George N. Champlin.	
KENT COUNTY.		
E. Greenwich.	*James B. Pierce,*	*D. Greene,*
St. Luke's,	*J. H. Eldredge,*	*S. S. Whiting,*
	J. C. Brown,	*E. Stanhope,*
	H. Fidler.	*S. B. Wickes.*
Crompton.	*John Campbell,*	
St. Philip's.	*Jonathan Tiffany.*	

The Report was adopted, and the Roll was called.

The Convention balloted for a Secretary, and elected the Rev. L. W. Bancroft.

The Rules of Order were then read.

The following Committees were appointed by the Bishop:

On Finance.

G. S. Wardwell, R. M. Larned,
W. C. Cozzens.

On Unfinished Business.

Rev. G. W. Hathaway, R. H. Ives,
" B. P. Talbot, D. C. Pell.

On the Application of New Parishes.

Rev. S. A. Crane, D. D., Rev. G. W. Chevers,
Thos. K. King.

St. Mary's Church, Portsmouth, applied for admission into union with the Convention. The application was referred to the Committee on Application.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Crocker, voted that when the Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet to-morrow, at 9 o'clock a. m.

The Bishop then delivered his Annual Address.

ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

We have come together, once more, in Annual Convention, under circumstances which call for devout gratitude and praise. Death has left our ranks unbroken during the past year; the spirit of peace and harmony reigns throughout the Diocese; our parishes are prosperous, not one of them being destitute of the stated

services of the Church; while the Divine blessing seems, in an eminent degree, to have attended the labors of our Clergy.

On the 22nd of June, following our last Convention, I delivered the Annual Sermon before the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, in Trinity Chapel, New York. This Society was then at the lowest point of depression, and there were strong indications that it would be obliged to curtail, if not entirely suspend, its operations. A heavy debt had accumulated and was rapidly increasing; some of its publications had excited distrust in certain portions of the Church; and the question with many of its friends appeared to be, how its affairs could be most decently and honorably brought to a close. But the very desperateness of the case awakened an interest in behlaf of the Union, which has resulted in placing it in a stronger position than it ever occupied before; an earnest effort has been made, in good faith, to make the Society generally acceptable to the Clergy and Laity of our Communion; the books which had given offence, have been withdrawn, while others have been modified; and now there seems to be no good reason why it should not be in fact, what it is in name, an Episcopal Sunday School Union. There need be no clashing between this and other organizations, designed to furnish a wholesome religious literature to the Church, for there is nothing in the nature of our polity to forbid the formation of voluntary, diocesan, or general institutions of this sort; the field is wide enough for all; and it may be well that the various shades of opinion amongst us should thus find relief and expression. One of the most striking peculiarities and strongest safeguards of our Church, lies in its comprehensiveness; and when we are all willing to allow to others the exercise of the same right of private judgment, in matters non-essential, that we claim for ourselves, we shall enjoy the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

On the 26th of June, I gave the Charge to the graduating class of the General Theological Seminary, in St. Peter's Church, New York. It is very strange that, with all the advantages which this Institution possesses, while our Church has been steadily and rapidly growing throughout the land, the number of students in the Seminary has been, for several years, diminishing. It is true that other schools have meanwhile been established; the Alexandria Seminary has enlarged its facilities of instruction, and strengthened its hold upon the sympathies of an important section of Church; Gambier is offering most liberal and generous inducements to our candidates for orders to avail themselves of her

advantages; Jubilee College, further west, under the impulse originally given by its enterprising and sagacious founder, is moving onward and upward continually; Nashotah, still further west, appeals to the Church with the silent eloquence of self-denying, earnest, faithful endeavor to do Christ's work without the security of any funded investments; the Berkeley School, in the Diocese of Connecticut, with its able corps of teachers, has rapidly won its way to fame and secured a large number of students; a new Theological Institution is about to be opened in Vermont; and a number of our Southern and Southwestern Bishops have projected still another College, which it is proposed to establish on a grand scale, and with all the apparatus of a University.

And still, notwithstanding this multiplication in the number of our Theological Schools, it is strange that out of two hundred and forty-three candidates for Holy Orders in the Church, only forty are found in her oldest, best endowed and most centrally situated Seminary. Certain changes have been proposed, with a view to imparting greater efficiency to its operations, which bear in very opposite directions. It is suggested, on one hand, that the connection of the School with the general Church be dissolved, and it be made a diocesan institution; on the other hand, that it shall be brought under the more direct control of the Church at large. The question deserves consideration, if there are not some modifications demanded in our modes of theological training, in order to our having such a Ministry as the exigency of the times demands. We may give to our young men a thorough knowledge of the great fundamentals of the faith; and yet they may enter upon the active duties of the Ministry, altogether unskilled in the practical uses of their knowledge. A medical student sees practice, as well as studies books and hears lectures, during the preparation for his profession: our Clergy are thrown at once into the midst of all the complicated duties of a parish, with nothing but theory to guide them, and with no practical knowledge whatever. If the diaconate were always passed in some subordinate position, under the direction of an experienced Presbyter, this evil would in a great degree be remedied; but such is the demand for Clergymen, that no sooner is a young man admitted to the Ministry, than his services are immediately sought for by some vacant parish, and he finds himself, with no experience, engaged at once in every variety of parochial work.

At the June meeting of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, a movement was made, aiming at the introduction

into the course of studies, of additional text books in certain departments, with a view to more efficient preparation for the controversies which are peculiar to our times.

The changes in the modes of attack, on the part of the enemies of Christianity; the new relations which exist between science and revelation; the stricter and more searching methods of biblical criticism which have arisen with the last few years; the subtle and seductive systems of philosophy which have obtained so strong a hold upon the mind; render it imperative that we should make some changes and improvements in our theological training. It is gratifying to see that this necessity is beginning to be apprehended by those who have the control of our institutions.

On the 27th of June, with the consent of the Provisional Bishop of the Diocese, I admitted to Deacon's Orders, in the Church of the Incarnation, New York, Mr. O. Sievers Barten, a graduate of the General Seminary.

On the 6th of July, the seventh Sunday after Trinity, I admitted to Deacon's Orders, in Grace Church, Providence, Mr. Eaton W. Maxcy, Jr., a graduate of the Alexandria Theological Seminary.

I visited Ascension Church, Wakefield, on the 17th of September, and preached in the afternoon.

On the 23rd of September, at the request of the Provisional Bishop, of New York, I preached at the consecration of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn.

On the 26th of September, I visited St. Paul's Church, N. Portsmouth, preached, and confirmed four persons. The Rev. Mr. Allen has resigned the Rectorship of the parish, and been transferred to another Diocese.

In the month of October I had the pleasure of attending the sessions of the General Convention, held in the city of Philadelphia. The proceedings of this body have been so fully laid before you, that it is unnecessary for me to enter upon any detail. I desire, however to express my hearty satisfaction in observing the very general desire on the part of the House of Bishops to bring the working machinery of the Church into more complete conformity with the peculiar necessities of our age and country. No official document has ever emanated from our Church, of greater interest and value than the Report communicated to the House of Bishops by the Committee appointed to consider the Memorial addressed to that body in the year 1853. The free

fraternal discussion elicited by that report, brought into distinct relief a variety of topics, which bear most directly upon the growth and welfare of our Communion. Neither will the consideration of these matters cease at the present point. There is a great deal yet to be done before the full resources of the Church are fairly developed. The richness of her ritual is as yet but imperfectly comprehended; the efficiency of her Episcopate can never be thoroughly felt until our Bishops are able to do more as the pioneer missionaries of the Church; and if we would ever hope to secure a firm hold upon the popular mind, we must in our parochial and public ministrations, recognize more distinctly than we have done, the specialities of the people and the region that surround us.

To be over timid in regard to those modifications and changes in the practical arrangements and the mechanism of the Church, which the changing emergencies of the world will always continue, at intervals, to demand, indicates a want of faith in the inherent stability of the Church. As there is a point where the spirit of reform becomes radical and revolutionary, so there is a possibility that conservative reverence may become superstitious and check the growth of the cause which it patronizes. It is well that there should be counteracting forces as well as counterbalancing opinions in the Church; but it is deplorable when those forces and opinions operate to block her progress and impair her unity.

What we need, however, is not so much a change in our organic arrangements, as a freer and fuller development of our system; a more living sympathy with the age in which we live; a more distinct recognition of existing modes of thought; a truer comprehension of the wants and dangers of American society, and a style of preaching which will arrest attention, commend itself to the understanding, enchain the feelings, and bring men in faith and penitence, to the cross of Jesus.

In the following month, November, I attended the Quarterly Meeting of the Convocation, held at Westerly. The attendance was good, and the services were profitable and interesting.

On Wednesday, the 31st of December, I consecrated to the worship of Almighty God, St. James' Church, Woonsocket. Upon the frame-work of the old church, a beautiful and commodious structure has been erected, in all respects more pleasing and convenient than that which it has replaced. The cost of this new building was met by the parish, with but little aid from abroad; a fact which sufficiently illustrates its present prosperity.

On Tuesday, January 13th, I consecrated St. Peter's Church, Johnston. Ten years before, the small, wooden building, which still stands by the side of the beautiful stone Church that has superseded it, was set apart to the worship of God. The social and religious influence of this enterprise upon the surrounding region, has been very marked; and now, through the indefatigable exertions of the Rector, one of the most substantial and elegant Churches in the Diocese has been erected, paid for, and consecrated.

On Wednesday, the following day, the Convention met in St. Andrew's Church, Providence, when the solemn service of Consecration was again celebrated, and the new edifice, formed by the addition of transepts and a chancel to the old nave, was devoted to sacred and religious uses. The area of the Church has thus been nearly doubled. The general proportion of the building is much improved, and all the arrangements for divine worship are far more seemly and convenient.

During the season of Lent, daily service was sustained in the city of Providence, by a union of all our parishes; and on Thursday evening, in Passion Week, the Supper of our Lord was administered in Grace Church; the Clergy and Laity of our several churches uniting together in the solemn rite. The attendance upon all these services was remarkably good; and their whole effort eminently salutary.

On the Sunday before Easter, I visited St. Mark's Church, Warren, and preached in the morning; preached in the afternoon and evening, in St. Michael's, Bristol, and confirmed thirteen persons. Since Easter, this church has been closed, for the purpose of remodelling the interior.

During Easter week, the Annual Meeting of the Convocation was held in Christ Church, Lonsdale. On Wednesday morning, Mr. Augustus Bush was admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons; the candidate being presented by the Rev. Mr. Vail. Since his admission to the Diaconate, Mr. Bush has officiated at the Church of the Holy Cross, Middletown; under the direction of the Rector.

On the evening of Wednesday, the members of the Sunday School were examined in the Catechism, and addressed. Their prompt replies showed the care and faithfulness with which they had been instructed and drilled.

On Thursday evening, the closing service of the Convocation was held, when seven persons were confirmed.

The reports presented at this meeting of the Convocation prove that our Diocesan missionary movements are in a healthy condition. It is to be hoped that during the present year, all the Clergy of the Diocese, who have parochial cures, will enroll themselves among the members of Convocation, and thus secure a large increase to our funds. It is true that the balance in our Treasury is greater, at present, than it has been for several years before; but we ought to enlarge our expenditures, bring new missionaries into the field, and take possession of territory which has not as yet been occupied.

On Wednesday, April 22nd, I preached twice in Christ Church, Westerly, and confirmed four. Two other persons, members of this parish, were confirmed by the Bishop of Ohio, in Cincinnati; one of these having been, for two years, the valued and respected minister of the Baptist Society, in Westerly, and the other his daughter, whom sickness prevented from reaching home. He has been received as a candidate for Orders in this Diocese; while she has entered upon her eternal rest.

On the 28th of April, I visited, for the second time during the year, Ascension Church, Wakefield, and preached in the afternoon. I am happy to say that this parish is now supplied by the gentleman just referred to, who officiates as a lay reader; and there is a degree of harmony and interest manifested in the congregation, which promises good things.

On the evening of this day, I visited St. Paul's Church, Wickford, preached and confirmed one person.

On the fourth Sunday after Easter, I preached in St. John's Church, Providence, and confirmed thirty-one. This is the largest confirmation held in St. John's Church for several years. In the evening, I visited St. Paul's Church, North Providence, preached and confirmed eight.

On the morning of the fifth Sunday after Easter, I preached in St. Andrew's Church, Providence, and confirmed eleven. In the afternoon of the same day, twenty-one were confirmed in Grace Church, Providence. In the evening, I preached again in the Church of the Messiah, Olneyville, and confirmed ten persons.

On the Festival of the Ascension, I preached in the morning and administered the Holy Communion, in St. Stephen's Church, Providence; and in the afternoon, preached again, and confirmed thirteen.

On Thursday, May 28th, I visited the Missionary Station at Fiskeville, preached, and confirmed one person. A great work might be done at this place, if some one could be found possessing

the requisite qualifications, who would be willing to throw himself heartily into the missionary labors that are needed in this region. A large population is growing up in these manufacturing districts, with very slight religious or moral training; there are villages in which no public worship of any sort is held on the Lord's Day; and the children are almost as ignorant of the truths of the Gospel as though they lived in a heathen land. It is in such places as these, that we wish to concentrate our missionary efforts.

In the evening, I preached in St. Philip's Church, Crompton. The Rev. Dexter Potter, of the Diocese of New York, has taken charge of this parish; and there are strong indications of renewed prosperity.

On Friday, May 29th, I visited St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich, preached, and confirmed six persons.

On Whitsunday, I preached in the morning, in Trinity Church, Newport, and confirmed eighteen.

In the afternoon, I preached in Emanuel Church, and confirmed thirteen.

It is greatly to be desired that the small debt which delays the consecration of this Church, should speedily be liquidated. In every respect, this experiment of a Free Church has been eminently successful; and the contribution of a few hundred dollars would relieve the parish from all embarrassment, and warrant our dedicating this beautiful temple to the service of Emanuel.

On the evening of Whitsunday, I preached in Zion Church, and confirmed nine persons; one having been confirmed in private during the day, who was unable to leave the house.

The condition of the weather, on the next day, prevented my reaching the island of Conanicut, and the visitation of St. Matthew's Church, Jamestown, is therefore postponed until August, when the Annual Festival is held in this parish. The presence of a goodly number of our Clergy and Laity on that occasion, would greatly cheer the heart of our Brother, who labors so solitarily and patiently in this humble field. This also is a free Church, where the Gospel is dispensed to those who will receive it, without money and without price.

On the morning of Tuesday, in Whitsunday week, I preached in the Church of the Holy Cross, Middletown; and in the afternoon preached and confirmed five in St. Mary's Church, South Portsmouth. These are all free churches, erected and for the most part sustained by the noble liberality of a christian lady. I was very glad to find that St. Mary's has been regularly organized as a parish, with a view to admission into our Convention.

On Wednesday, June 23d, I preached in St. Paul's Church, North Portsmouth, and confirmed thirteen persons; making a total of seventeen during the year. This parish was never more united and flourishing than it is at present. In the evening, I preached in St. Mark's Church, Warren, and confirmed two persons.

On Thursday morning, the Rector of the Parish, the Rev. Eaton W. Maxcy, was admitted to the Holy Order of Priests; the Rev. Mr. Goodwin presenting him for ordination. Mr. Maxcy enters upon his labors in Warren, with every prospect of success; with a people united, zealous, and ready to co-operate with him in every good word and work.

On the afternoon of Trinity Sunday, I visited St. James's Church, Woonsocket, preached, and confirmed eleven. In the evening, preached in Emanuel Church, Manville, and confirmed nine.

This morning, in the presence of the Convention, I ordained to the holy office of the Priesthood, the Rev. Lucius W. Bancroft, Assistant Minister of St. John's Church, Providence: the candidate was presented and the sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Crocker, Rector of St. John's. It is a source of unspeakable comfort to our venerable brother, that he has secured the aid of one, who has already proved himself so true a help-meet in the Ministry of Christ; and we cannot but congratulate the ancient parish, over which the present Rector has so faithfully presided for more than half a century, that the harmony and efficiency which has reigned amongst them, are likely to be perpetuated and strengthened.

The whole number confirmed since the last Convention, is two hundred and five.

Three Churches have been consecrated; three candidates have been admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons, and two Deacons have been ordained to the Priesthood.

Four persons have been received as candidates for Holy Orders, one of whom has been ordained, viz: Messrs. Augustus Bush, George Burgess Paine, Wm. Cole Leverett, and Wm. Stow.

The following changes have been made in our list of Clergy; the Rev. O. S. Barten, Deacon, has been transferred to the Diocese of New York; the Rev. N. G. Allen to the Diocese of Maryland; the Rev. A. Dalton, Deacon, to the Diocese of Maine; and the Rev. John Kelley, to the Diocese of New Jersey.

The Rev. Lucius W. Bancroft has been received from the Diocese of Massachusetts; and the Rev. D. Potter, from the Diocese of New York.

I have been providentially prevented from visiting St. Thomas's Church, Greeneville, and St. Peter's, Johnston; but hope to hold confirmation in these parishes during the summer.

I am told that services are suspended at St. Paul's, Tower Hill. All our efforts to secure to its legitimate use the church property which lies within the confines of this parish, have thus far proved unavailing.

The movements of the Depository Board have been much quickened during the past year, and their range of operations greatly enlarged. A central and convenient room has been secured, an agent employed, whose whole time is given to the duties of the Depository, a valuable collection of books and tracts provided, and the sales have been correspondingly increased. It is earnestly to be desired that the patronage of our congregations may be so liberally bestowed, as to warrant the continuance and further enlargement of the Depository. At present we regard it as an experiment; but it is one that we should be very sorry to see fail.

I know of no other matters of detail that need to be brought to your observation. The facts which have already been laid before you, indicate that the Diocese is in a healthy and vigorous condition. We have reason to congratulate ourselves that there is amongst us not the slightest vestige of party spirit or of narrow jealousies. I believe that in every parish, the Gospel is faithfully preached, and the order of the Church scrupulously observed. In territorial extent, we are the smallest Diocese in the United States; but there is only one other Diocese, in which the proportion of communicants to the population of the State is as large as it is in Rhode Island. We have a remarkably effective missionary organization; and instead of reporting that we are in arrears to our missionaries, we close the year with funds in the Treasury of the Convocation. And still we might accomplish vastly more than we do; both for our own Diocese, and also for the general extension of the Church in the domestic and the foreign field. Our services are already established in all the more important towns of the State; but there is still a large population amongst whom an itinerating ministry might effect great good. A few young men in Deacon's Orders, resident in Providence, where they might be engaged, for a portion of the time, in prosecuting their studies, would be very advantageously employed on Sundays, in our rural districts, and this at very slight expense. Sunday Schools might thus be organized, prayer books, tracts and

bibles distributed by them, and thus the germ of many new parishes be planted.

And now, my Brethren in the Ministry, I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine. Be ye an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Keep that which is committed to your trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called. Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. Endure hardness, as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever. AMEN.

THOMAS M. CLARK,

Bishop of the Diocese of Rhode Island.

The Standing Committee reported as follows:

To the Annual Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island:

The Standing Committee of this Diocese, elected by the Convention at the annual meeting, June 11, 1856, met, pursuant to notice, on the sixteenth day of June, at the house of Rev. Dr. Crocker, and was organized by the election of Rev. Dr. Crocker, President, and Edward Wolcott, Secretary.

The Rev. Otto Sievers Barten was recommended to the Order of Deacons, and William Cole Leverett was recommended to be admitted a candidate for Holy Orders.

Mr. Eaton Whiting Maxcy, Jr., was recommended to the Order of Deacons.

March 12. The application of Mr. Augustus Bush, for the Order of Deacons, with testimonials in conformity with Canon IV, 1856, was presented, and he was recommended to the Order of Deacons, and the requisite papers were signed and forwarded to Rt. Rev. Bishop Clark.

April 14. The testimonials of Mr. William Stow, late minister of the Baptist Church, applying for Orders, were presented and read, and, on motion, he was received as a candidate for Orders, to be reckoned from the date of the application to the Bishop, March 16, 1857.

The documents, with a communication from the Standing Committee of the Diocese of California, requesting the assent of this

Committee to the election of the Rev. Wm. Ingraham Kipp, D. D., as Bishop of that Diocese, were presented and read, and received the concurrence of the Committee, and the requisite papers signed for that purpose and forwarded.

May 19. The Rev. L. W. Bancroft, Deacon, was recommended for Priest's Orders; the Rev. Eaton W. Maxcy, Deacon, was recommended to Priest's Orders, and the proper testimonials signed.

In the course of the year, at several meetings of the Committee, various documents have been presented, upon which action was had, in regard to the case of the Rev. Eli W. Stokes, a Presbyter canonically connected with this Diocese, but for several years last past officiating in Africa, charged with certain canonical offences, the issue of which action has been a formal presentment of the accused. As the trial has not yet occurred, the result will form a part of the next Annual Report.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD WALCOTT, *Secretary.*

The Board of Missions reported as follows:

REPORT OF MISSIONARY CONVOCATION.

The Missionary Convocation of the Diocese respectfully report that since the last Convention, meetings have been held in St. Paul's Church, North Kingstown; Christ Church, Westerly; St. Andrew's Church, Providence; and Christ Church, Lonsdale. Peculiar interest was given to the meeting, in Wickford, by having one of the services partake somewhat of a commemorative character, and holding it in the *old Narragansett Church*, where McSparrow and Fayerweather and other of the early missionaries of the S. P. G. F. G. often officiated. The meeting in St. Andrew's, Providence, commenced with the consecration of the enlarged and greatly improved church edifice erected for a congregation which owes its present prosperity, in a great measure, to the aid afforded in times past by the Convocation.

The money pledged at the last annual meeting of the Convocation amounts to $1,250, and that appropriated, $1,300. The Treasurer reported a balance in the Treasury greater than the excess of appropriations over the pledges.

It affords us much pleasure to state that, after a long interval, the Rector of St. James's Church, Woonsocket, has once more become a member of the Convocation.

By vote of Convocation several clergymen have been admitted to membership, on condition of their performing a certain amount of missionary service in parts of the Diocese not remote from their parishes. We believe that much good has resulted from this arrangement. We have, thereby, secured the active interest and co-operation of brethren, who, otherwise, would have been excluded from any part in the management of the affairs of Convocation. We have also been thus enabled to supply destitute places with religious services which they could not otherwise have been favored with. By this arrangement the village of Albion was, during the warm season, visited by the Rector of Emanuel Church, Manville, who. regularly, held a service there on Sunday evening. These services were well attended, and, we doubt not, were accompanied by the Divine blessing. The same brother visited the people in this village, and in other places, at their homes. The good results of these ministrations are apparent.

The Rector of St. Luke's, East Greenwich, has visited in a similar manner, although less frequently, the particular district assigned him. The western and southwestern portions of the Diocese have been almost entirely neglected by us. The principal reason for this has been the want of means to sustain missionaries. It cannot be denied, however, that one great cause of this neglect has been a *want of faith*—an unwillingness to enter upon fields which do not present a prospect of our being permitted *soon* to gather much fruit. Explorations made years ago, and recently renewed, furnish evidences not merely of a melancholy deficiency, but in some places, of an almost *entire destitution* of religious services over large portions of the country; and what is worse, a neglect of all proper observance of the Lord's day, of religious worship, and of the christian training of the children. This neglect leaves room to apprehend that it will be made by the people *within themselves* to introduce a better state of things. Life must be brought in from without; and it will require to be sustained, too, in most instances, by the same exterior influences for years. Perhaps it would be easier, *at first*, for others than Churchmen to get a hearing among these people; but for various reasons, we believe that a missionary from our Church would ordinarily gather and establish, in many of these places, a *permanent* and *self-supporting* congregation sooner than others. This seems to throw a heavy responsibility upon us, as it opens to us a field of usefulness nigh at hand and specially fitted for us to enter and cultivate. It shows that our own Diocese has plenty of work for our christian zeal; and such as seems, in the Providence of God,

to be specially laid upon us. The Church is needed; but the demand for it in many places, must be created. Do any ask "How?" We reply, "By obeying the command of our Saviour, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.'"

We turn, now, to that portion of the field which has received the care of Convocation.

Soon after the last Convention, our missionary in the valley of the Pawtuxet resigned his office and entered into the Rectorship of St. Paul's Church, Portsmouth. In the early part of the autumn the Rev. Mr. Maxcy, removed to Crompton, and commenced officiating in St. Philip's Church. Everything was wearing an encouraging aspect at that unfortunate station, when the missionary felt it his duty to enter upon another field of labor. The people became discouraged and almost disheartened. Recently the services of the Rev. Dexter Potter have been secured, and now there seems to be the dawning of a brighter day. The missionary has "visited from house to house," with a view to strengthen the things that remain and are ready to die, and to encourage those who are living in neglect of public worship to attend the services of the Church. But the renovation of ecclesiastical matters, at this station, is not the work of a day nor of a year. The materials around are abundant for the formation of a congregation, if they can be wrought into spiritual form, and interested in religious worship, and in the spiritual instruction of their children. A small Sunday School has been collected, in which the missionary is himself a teacher. There is an encouraging attendance on the services, morning and afternoon, and we hope that good is being done, under the blessing of God.

Fiskeville is still unsupplied with a missionary.

Of St. Peter's, Johnston, we need hardly speak. The Convention is well acquainted with the history of that mission. Moreover, the report of the missionary will, undoubtedly, give a particular account of its present condition and prospects. Now that the substantial *material* temple has been completed, may the work of building the "*spiritual* house" with "lively stones" go steadily onward! The missionary at this station holds a third service at Dry Brook, every Sunday, from the first of May to the middle of October. There is a large and spiritually destitute population in this neighborhood, yet one that has an abundance of *this* world's good. The school house where these services are held, is *filled* on almost every occasion of public worship.

The Church of the Messiah, Providence, gives encouraging evidence of progress. The congregation is increasing, and the Sunday School numbers more than a hundred scholars, and between fifteen and twenty teachers.

The General Missionary reports that the station at Greeneville is in a more flourishing condition than it was a year ago. It is recovering from the effect of the severe losses it sustained by the removal of some of the most influential and useful members of the congregation.

That we have cause to be encouraged with reference to the mission in Burrillville, may be inferred from the fact that a neat and convenient chapel is now in process of erection in the village of Harrisville, and the greater portion of the expense of building is borne by the people themselves.

The General Missionary, also, purposes holding a third service in the western part of the city of Providence.

We cannot conclude our Report without an expression of gratitude to Almighty God for the favor with which He has regarded our work, or without asking the earnest prayers of the Convention for the Divine blessing, and their hearty co-operation with us.

For the Convocation,

DANIEL HENSHAW, *Secretary.*

The Depository Board reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE DEPOSITORY BOARD.

The Depository Board cannot but congratulate themselves and their constituents, on being able to make a happier report than any which has been presented for several years past. For quite too long a period, our Depository has had only "a name to live:" we could claim for it *existence*, but not *life*. The Board felt that this inefficiency was owing, in a great measure, to the fact that the Depository had had no local independent habitation of its own —that it had been a mere obscure appendage to the business of those who had acted as its Agents, and that those Agents had felt no particular interest in its success. There seemed no good reason to expect any better results in the future, unless the institution could be placed on a different basis, and carried on under different auspices.

Last autumn, its managers, after counselling with each other and with other members of the Church, thought that a favorable opportunity had arrived for making the experiment of an impor-

tant change. They resolved to give the Depository a separate habitation of its own; and in gaining that end, were fortunate to secure on advantageous terms, the room which it now occupies at No. 50 South Main street. All the labor involved in this change, was cheerfully sustained by Rev. Mr. Babbitt, A. Paine, Esq., and E. W. Howard, Esq., a sub-committee of the Board. To those brethren, we are all largely indebted for the no small amount of time and toil expended by them in procuring an office—in transferring thereto the stock of books, tracts, &c., that remained in the hands of the former Agent, and in procuring a new and larger supply, and in providing the services of a clerk and salesman. If, as we are now fain to hope, the experiment that has been undertaken should prove successful, it will be due very much, to the active, disinterested exertions of the gentlemen just now named. The operations of the Depository, under its present regime, commenced on the 10th January last—about five months since. And the results, thus far, while not so ample and decisive as could be wished, have been looked upon, by the Board, as encouraging. Since the date above mentioned, (January 10,) the sales, up to the present time, have averaged nearly $110 per month; whereas, for the previous five years, the sales had averaged only about $110 per *annum*. These statistics of the Depository fully justify the change that has been made in the mode of conducting its affairs. But, at the same time, we may not disguise our fear, that unless an increased patronage be given to the Depository, it must ultimately be abandoned altogether, or else it must relapse into its former state of languor and barrenness. Its present expenses, (for rent and clerk hire,) are, of course, much larger than they have been, in past years; and in meeting those expenses and in enabling the institution to achieve a growing usefulness in our midst, our chief reliance must be on the purchase made at its counter; and when our brethren throughout the Diocese would supply their Sunday Schools, or their families with a sound religious literature, may we not appeal to them, in language more familiar, perhaps, than dignified, to give the Depository a call, before purchasing elsewhere. In the existing effort to put it upon a stronger and more lasting foundation, difficulties must necessarily be expected: but the Board would earnestly remind every member of the Church, both cleric and lay, that those difficulties will be greater, *during the first year*, than at any subsequent period. The "nursing care" of the Diocese will be *specially* needed for the ensuing twelve months. If, in that time, the present appeal should be kindly remembered

and responded to, it seems a reasonable expectation that the Depository will, under the Divine favor, be able to report to the next Convention, satisfactory signs of becoming, in due time, a self-supporting institution.

After the opening of the Depository in its new quarters, it was much cheered on its way, by receiving from one of the generous churchmen of this city, an order for books and tracts, to the amount of $150—said books and tracts to be distributed by a trusty almoner of his, among the ignorant and poor, in this city and elsewhere. The Board cannot but allude to so munificent a deed; and they do so, be it frankly confessed, in the hope that other individuals, both *in* the city and *out* of it, may be moved to emulate such a noble example. O what a mass of precious truth has gone out to the right hand, and to the left, by means of that example! And our City Missionary, and scores of Sabbath School Teachers would rejoice indeed, if one and another liberal soul should say to them—"Go to the Depository and procure, on my responsibility, a dollar's worth, (or five dollars' worth,) of tracts and volumes, per month, to be distributed in your visits of charity." Let it not be deemed obtrusive, then, on the part of this Board, if they suggest that there is an opportunity for those disciples who are "rich in this world," to approve themselves substantial friends of the Depository—instructors of the ignorant and thoughtless, and "good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

The Board would, in conclusion, extend an invitation to all the members of this Convention, to visit the Depository, before leaving the city, and inspect for themselves its arrangements and capabilities.

THOMAS M. CLARK, *Chairman, &c.*

The Report of the Board for the relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, was presented and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on the Application of New Parishes having reported that St. Mary's Church, Portsmouth, had been duly organized, according to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Rhode Island, it was voted to receive this Church into union with the Convention.

Mr. Albert Coggeshall and Mr. Christopher Sherman appeared as Lay Delegates from this Church, and their names were placed upon the Roll.

The Clergy then presented their Parochial Reports to the Bishop, after which the Convention adjourned till Wednesday, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Wednesday, 9 o'clock.

Morning Prayer was offered by the Rev. S. A. Crane, D. D., and the Rev. A. G. Mercer.

After Divine Service, the Roll was called, the minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

On motion of Mr. G. S. Wardwell, voted, that the Committee on Finance appropriate a sum not exceeding twenty dollars, to meet the expenses of the Standing Committee, incurred by the Presentation of Rev. E. W. Stokes.

On motion, voted, that the following persons constitute the Standing Committee for the ensuing year:

Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	G. S Wardwell,
" Geo. Taft,	Resolved Waterman,
" G. W. Hathaway,	Alexander Duncan,
" T. H. Vail,	Edward Wolcott.

On motion, voted, that the following Board be continued the same as last year:

Board of Education.

Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	E. W. Howard,
" Geo. Hathaway,	G. S. Wardwell.

Board of Sunday Schools.

Rev. J. Trapnell, Jr.,	E. W. Howard,
" D. Henshaw,	R. M. Larned.

Board of Trustees for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.

Alexander Duncan,	Resolved Waterman,
Wm. T. Grinnell,	Edward Wolcott.

Depository Board.

Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	E. W. Howard,
" H. Waterman,	E. Wolcott.

On motion, voted, that a Committee of three be appointed to report to the Convention, or to the Depository Board, what measures shall be taken to further the prosperity of the Depository.

The following Committee was appointed by the Bishop:

Alexander Duncan, Resolved Waterman,
Rowse Babcock.

On motion, ordered, that one thousand copies of the Journal of the Convention, together with the Constitution, Canons, By-Laws, Rules of Order, and Standing Order of Business, be printed and distributed under the direction of the Officers of the Convention.

Ordered, also, that three hundred copies of the Constitution, Canons, By-Laws, Rules of Order, and Standing Order of Business be printed and distributed under the direction of the Officers of the Convention.

Mr. G. L. Cooke, in behalf of the Committee appointed last year, to consider that part of the Bishop's Address which referred to the support of the Clergy and the organization of Parishes, presented the following Report and Resolution:

The Committee appointed at the last Annual Convention of this Diocese, to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the support of the Clergy, and the organization of Parishes, respectfully report, that, in their opinion, the subject is one of great importance to the Church, and demands the consideration of all who desire its prosperity. It is the opinion of the Committee, that the only true and legitimate method for the support of any parish, consists in a direct tax upon the pews, or, as suggested by the Bishop, in his Address, that the pews shall be owned by the parish, whereby an income may be derived from a rental of the pews.

The Committee would recommend, that in all existing parishes where the pews are owned by individuals, efforts may be made to obtain the consent of the owners for a direct tax upon the pews, in order that the support of the parish may be more directly guaranteed.

In reference to future parochial organizations, the difficulties of which we complain, may be avoided, if it is understood that no new parish shall be admitted into Convention, without a provision for its support, in one of the two methods proposed, unless under the provisions of Free Churches, and to this effect the Committee would recommend the passage of the following Resolution by this Convention.

RESOLVED WATERMAN,
GEO. S. WARDWELL, } *Committee.*
GEO. LEWIS COOKE,

Resolved, That no new parish shall be admitted into Convention, unless said parish be supported by a direct tax upon the

pews when owned by individuals; or by a rental of the pews when owned by the parish, or unless it be supported under the Free Church system.

On motion of Rev. T. H. Vail, the above Resolution was amended by striking out all after the word "resolved" and inserting as follows: "that a Committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the expediency of memorializing the Legislature of the State for the passage of a General Law of Religious Corporations and to report the same to the next Convention.

The Resolution, as thus amended, was passed, and the Report accepted.

In accordance with the above Resolution, the following Committee was appointed by the Bishop:

Rev. T. H. Vail, R. H. Ives,
W. B. Sayles.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Crane, voted, that the following Section be added, as an amendment to Canon X:

"When the Committee on Clerical and Lay Delegates, as required by the fifth Article of the Constitution, shall have reported to the Convention, the Secretary shall first call the names of the Lay Delegates from each parish, and if it shall be declared to the Convention that any Delegates have resigned or are unable to attend, he shall then call for the Substitutes in their order, to fill such vacancies, and whenever, during any Convention, any member of the representation of any parish shall retire and another take his place, the fact of such change shall be made known to the Secretary and by him be entered on the record and announced to the Convention, before such claimant shall be entitled to a vote or seat in it."

Mr. Alexander Duncan, Chairman of the Committee appointed above to confer about the interests of the Depository, reported, that since the appointment of the Committee, the expenses of the Depository had been provided for, and recommended that all other matters touching the interest of the Depository, be referred to the Depository Board.

On motion, voted, that the Report be accepted, and the Committee discharged.

On motion, ordered, that the next Annual Convention be held in Grace Church, Providence, on the second Tuesday of June, 1858, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Ordered, That $8.00 be paid to the Sexton of Grace Church, for his services during the Convention.

On motion, voted, that the Report of the Treasurer, being properly audited, be received, placed on file and printed.

On motion, voted, that a Committee of three be appointed to publish the unpublished Journals of the Convention, prior to 1832.

The following Committee was appointed by the Bishop:

Rev. H. Waterman, W. B. Sayles,
G. S. Wardwell.

On motion of Mr. G. S. Wardwell, voted, that all business concerning the property at Tower Hill, be

referred to the Board of Trustees on Churches and Glebes.

On motion, voted, that after the usual devotional exercises, the Convention adjourn.

The one hundred and second Selection was sung, prayer was offered by the Bishop, and the Convention adjourned.

THOMAS M. CLARK, *President.*

L. W. BANCROFT, *Secretary.*

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church,

IN THE DIOCESE OF RHODE-ISLAND.

ARTICLE I.

This Church accedes to the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States of America, and acknowledges the authority of its Canons.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be a stated Convention of this Church, on the second Tuesday in June, in each year, at such hour, and in such place as the Convention shall determine. The Bishop may, in his discretion, call special meetings of the Convention; and when requested by the Standing Committee, it shall be his duty to do so. If the Episcopate be vacant, or if the Bishop be incapacitated for acting, special meetings may be called by the Standing Committee. At least three weeks notice shall be publicly given of the time and place of holding any special meeting of the Convention, and no business shall be transacted at any such meeting other than is specified in the notice by which it is called.

ARTICLE III.

The Bishop shall preside in the Convention ; but if the Diocese be vacant, or the Bishop absent, a President shall be chosen from among the Presbyters of the Convention.

ARTICLE IV.

Section 1. This Convention shall be composed of such Clergymen in this Diocese as shall have been actually and canonically resident and officiating in the same for one year next preceding the Convention : also, of such Clergy, similarly resident, as shall have been employed for the same period as Missionaries, under the sanction of the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese ;—and of Lay Delegates, not exceeding four from each parish in union with this Convention, who shall present certificates, signed by the Wardens, or Parish Clerk, that they are duly chosen.

Sec. 2. Every Clergyman, other than those specified in the foregoing section, canonically resident in the Diocese, shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership, with the exception of a right to vote ; and no Clergyman otherwise entitled to a seat and a vote shall be deprived of such privilege by reason of advanced age, or infirm health, or temporary absence.

Sec. 3. The operation of the first section of this Article shall be entirely prospective.

ARTICLE V.

Every Convention shall be opened with the Morning Prayer, followed by a Sermon or a Charge from the Bishop, or a Sermon by some Preacher apppointed by the Bishop, and the celebration of the Holy Communion ; after which the President and Secretary of the Convention shall take their places, and the Convention be called to order. The President shall then give to the Secretary a list of the Clergy entitled by the Constitu-

tion to the privileges of membership, specifying those having a right to vote. The Lay Delegates shall then hand in to the Secretary the testimonials of their election. The above mentioned list and testimonials shall thereupon be referred to a Committee appointed by the President, which Committee shall make out and report to the Convention a list of the Clerical and Lay delegates entitled to membership and the right to vote; and upon the whole list so reported and acted upon, the Convention shall be organized. The Secretary of the Convention shall then be chosen, and the necessary Committees appointed. The Morning Service of the Church shall be performed every day during the session of the Convention.

ARTICLE VI.

The Convention being duly organized, the members present shall, upon all questions deliberate in one body, and in voting, shall vote as individuals. But if, in any case, it be requested by any three members, the two Orders shall vote separately; and in such case, (except it be in elections provided for in this Constitution,) the Lay Delegates from each congregation, or parish, shall be entitled to but one vote; and the concurrence of both Orders shall be necessary to constitute a decision.

ARTICLE VII.

New parishes may, by a vote of the Convention, be admitted into union with it, on presenting written evidence, under the authority of the Wardens and Vestry, that they are duly organized, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of the Convention of this Diocese.

ARTICLE VIII.

At every annual meeting of the Convention, a Secretary shall be chosen, by joint ballot, who shall remain in office until the next election of a Secretary. His duty shall be to make minutes

of the proceedings in a book to be provided for that purpose,—to preserve the journal and records,—to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Convention, including journals of the Conventions of other Dioceses, which may be in his possession. It shall also be his duty to direct the distribution of the printed journals among the parishes, and to give due notice of the time and place of the meeting of the Convention.

ARTICLE IX.

A Treasurer, who shall be a Layman, shall be elected annually, and shall continue in office during the pleasure of the Convention. It shall be his duty to receive, at each annual Convention, the assessment upon the parishes for defraying the incidental expenses of the Convention,—for the support of the Episcopate,—and to meet the charges arising out of the connection of this Diocese with the General Convention; and to pay quarterly to the Bishop the amount of salary pledged him by this Convention; and to meet other demands upon the Treasury, which the Convention may, from time to time, authorize and direct. He shall present to each annual Convention a report, in writing, of his receipts and disbursements.

ARTICLE X.

A Standing Committee consisting of four Presbyters and four Laymen, who shall be Communicants of this Church, shall be appointed annually, and shall continue in office until the election of a new Committee. They shall keep a record of their proceedings, and report the same to the Convention at its annnal meeting. Two-thirds shall constitute a quorum for all purposes except those for which the Canons of the General Convention require a larger number. They shall hold special meetings whenever required by the Bishop. They shall also have power to

supply any vacancies which may occur in their own body during the recess of the Convention.

ARTICLE XI.

Deputies to the General Convention shall be chosen once in every three years; and shall continue in office till new ones are chosen.

The Clergy shall nominate the Clerical, and the Laity the Lay Candidates, by ballot. The candidates thus nominated shall be respectively reported to the Convention. The President shall then declare the Clerical nominations to the Laity, and the Lay nominations to the Clergy, which bodies shall separately, and by ballot, for each candidate, confirm or reject the nomination.

In the event of any rejection, another nomination shall be made in manner as before directed.

Substitutes for deputies shall be chosen in the same manner as the Deputies are. And in the event of the resignation, or inability of any Deputy, Clerical or Lay, such vacancy shall be filled from the substitutes respectively, in the order in which they were chosen.

ARTICLE XII.

Whenever a Bishop is to be elected in this Church, it shall be in an annual or a special Convention, in the following manner: The two orders having separated, the Clergy shall nominate and appoint, by ballot, a duly qualified Presbyter of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, for that office; whereupon, their choice shall be made known to the order of Lay Delegates; and if approved by them, voting by ballot, the candidate so appointed shall be declared to be duly elected. In any such election, the votes of a majority of each order shall determine the choice.

ARTICLE XIII.

Canons for the government of the Church, and Rules of Order for the conducting of business, may be adopted from time to time, by the Convention.

ARTICLE XIV.

The mode of altering this Constitution shall be as follows: A proposition of amendment shall be introduced in writing, and considered in the Convention, and if approved of, shall lie over to the next Convention; and if again approved of in that Convention, by a majority of the two orders voting separately, the change shall take place; and the Constitution so altered, shall be valid and obligatory.

CANONS.

CANON I.

Board of Missions.

The Missionary operations of the Church in this Diocese shall be conducted by a Board of Missions, to be called the Missionary Convocation of the Church in Rhode Island, consisting of such of the Clergy in the Diocese as shall pledge to the treasury of the Board, for the Missionary purposes of the same, an annual sum equal to at least one-tenth of their respective salaries. The Board shall report annually to the Convention their proceedings, together with an account of their receipts and expenditures, and a general statement of the condition and prospects of their Missionary stations.

The Bishop of the Diocese shall be "ex-officio" President of the Board; and no appointment of Missionaries shall be made, unless approved of by him.

The Treasurer of this Board shall be a Layman of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

CANON II.

Board of Education.

There shall be appointed annually, by the Convention, a Board of Education, of which the Bishop shall be "ex officio" Chair-

man, consisting, besides, of two Clergymen and two Laymen, to whom shall be intrusted the selection of indigent young men to be educated for the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church. A report of their doings shall be presented annually to the Convention.

The Beneficiaries of the Board shall be subject to its direction and control.

CANON III.

Board of Sunday Schools.

There shall be appointed annually, by the Convention, a Board of Sunday Schools, to consist of the Bishop, two Clergymen and two Laymen. The said Board shall make an annual statistical report of the Sunday Schools within the Diocese, accompanied with such facts and suggestions, as in their judgment shall promote the Sunday School cause.

CANON IV.

Depository Board.

There shall be appointed annually, by the Convention, a Depository Board, to consist of two Clergymen and two Laymen, with the Bishop, who shall be "ex-officio" Chairman. It shall be the duty of said Board to superintend and control the purchase, publication, and distribution of Church Books and Tracts within the Diocese.

CANON V.

Of the Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes.

Section 1. There shall be appointed, annually, by the Convention, a Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes, to consist of four Laymen and the Bishop, who shall be ex-officio Chairman.

Sec. 2. This Board shall appoint, from their own number, a Treasurer and Secretary, and shall have power to fill any vacancies occuring in their number during the recess of the Convention.

Sec. 3. All applications from parishes in this Diocese, for aid in the building, repairing, or paying for Churches, shall be made to this Board; and it shall be the duty of the Board to receive, keep, and pay out, on such conditions as they shall judge most conducive to the extension of the Church, all monies whatever way contributed and not specially appropriated by the contributors, for the purpose contemplated in this section.

Sec. 4. This Board may, at their discretion, endeavor to secure in their Treasury a permanent fund for the purpose contemplated in the preceding section, by collections in the several Churches in the Diocese, and by the solicitation of donations and bequests from individuals.

Sec. 5. It shall be a duty of this Board to give, through the Secretary, their recommendation to all applications which they shall approve for particular parishes; and all funds so collected shall be paid into the Treasury of this Board, and used under its direction.

Sec. 6. This Board is authorized, and it shall be their duty to receive, hold, and manage, as Trustees in behalf of this Convention, any property in church buildings, and parsonage-houses and glebes, and in their fixtures or other furniture and improvements, now vested in, or held in trust by the Convention of this Diocese. The Board is further authorized to receive, hold, and manage, as Trustees for the Convention, any similar property which hereafter may be obtained chiefly in part by contributions beyond the limits of the parish within which such property is situated, and which ought properly to be held in trust by some responsible body for the benefit of any such parish: said trust to be in all cases on these two conditions—*first*, that any congregation in union with the Convention, having the use of any such

property so held in trust, shall have the right, at any time, by paying to said Trustees the original cost of such property used by them, or such sum of money as in the judgment of this Board shall be a fair price for the same, to claim the fee and control of said property in their own right, this Board, on payment of such property being made by any such congregation, being bound to convey to any such congregation the title to such property, said title to be conveyed for such time as the congregation receiving it shall continue in union with the Convention of this Diocese; and, *secondly*, that the Board shall, while holding the Trusteeship of any such property, have the entire control and management of the same, subject to the purpose for which such property was given.

Sec. 7. This Board is further authorized, and it shall be their duty to receive, hold, and manage, in trust for the Convention, any other property, real or personal, which the Convention may at any time by resolution commit to the Trusteeship of the Board.

Sec. 8 All monies or other property given or entrusted to this Board, shall be faithfully applied as designated by the donors, and the Board shall make an annual report to the Convention of its doings, receipts and disbursements.

CANON VI.

Of the Board for the relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, and also of superannuated and infirm Clergymen.

Section 1. At every annual Convention there shall be elected a Board for the relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, and also of superannuated and infirm Clergymen; which Board shall consist of four Laymen, who shall be communicants of the Church, together with the Bishop of the Diocese, who shall be ex-officio Chairman. In case of the vacancy of the episcopate, the President of the Standing Committee shall be, ex-officio, a member and Chairman of the Board.

SEC. 2. The funds received by this Board shall consist of collections in Churches, and of donations or legacies specially designated for the purposes of this Canon; and it is hereby made the duty of each clergyman having charge of a Parish, and of the Wardens in every vacant Parish, to take up an annual collection for this fund. All moneys contributed as above specified, shall be invested by the Board in such securities as, in their judgment, will be safe and productive; and such investments shall be made in the name of the Board, as Trustees.

SEC. 3. The appropriations from this fund shall be made by the Board in such manner, and in such sums, as they may deem expedient: *Provided*, That no appropriation shall be made to the family of a deceased clergyman who was not, at the time of his decease, canonically resident in this Diocese, nor to any superannuated or infirm clergyman who did not continue in the exercise of his sacred duties until providentially disabled.

SEC. 4. At every annual Convention, the Board shall present to that body a report of their receipts, investments and appropriations, for the year preceding.

SEC. 5. The Board shall have power to appoint such officers and sub-committees, and to enact such By-laws as they may deem necesary for the more convenient and effective discharge of the duties required by this Canon.

CANON VII.

On remittances from Parishes for Conventional expenses.

It shall be the duty of the Church Wardens and Vestries to see that the amount assessed upon their respective parishes by the Convention for the raising of the Bishop's salary, for incidental expenses, and other Church purposes, authorized and directed by the Convention, be regularly transmitted to the Treasurer so as to be included in his annual report.

CANON VIII.

The Bishop's Salary.

The annual salary of the Bishop of this Diocese shall be five hundred dollars, which shall be assessed on the several parishes by the Finance Committee.

CANON IX.

Ministers to keep a Register of their acts.

To secure the object proposed in Canon XXIX of the General Convention of 1832, it shall be the duty of every minister of this Church, having charge of a parish, to keep (in a good and substantial book, to be provided by the Vestry,) the record required by said Canon, of Baptisms, Confirmations, Communicants, Marriages, Funerals, &c., within the limits of his care; which register, in the event of his death or resignation, shall be left for the use of his successor.

CANON X.

Of the Election of Lay Delegates.

Section 1. Any parish intending to be represented in this Convention, as provided for in the Fourth Article of the Constitution of the Diocese, shall choose its delegates in a parish meeting, regularly called in conformity with the Charter and By-Laws of the parish; and in addition to the Delegates provided for in said Fourth Article, said parish shall, at the same meeting, choose four other persons to be called substitutes, who, in the order in which they are chosen, shall be entitled to fill the place of any delegate who may resign, or be unable to attend; and such delegates and substitutes shall continue in office until the next annual meeting of the parish; and also until new ones shall have been chosen to take their places.

Sec. 2. When the Committee on Clerical and Lay Delegates, as required in the fifth Article of the Constitution, shall have reported to the Convention, the Secretary shall first call the names of the Lay Delegates from each parish, and if it shall be declared to the Convention that any Delegates have resigned or are unable to attend, he shall then call for the Substitutes in their order, to fill such vacancies, and whenever, during any Convention, any member of the representation of any parish shall retire and another take his place, the fact of such change shall be made known to the Secretary and by him be entered on the record and announced to the Convention, before such claimant shall be entitled to a vote or seat in it.

CANON XI.

Mode of Trying Clergymen.

Section 1. If any Clergyman of this Church offend in any one or more of the instances enumerated in Canon XXVII, of the General Convention of 1832, complaint may be made to the Standing Committee, which shall be done in writing, by at least two persons, who shall be communicants, and one of whom shall be a Clergyman of this Church.

Sec. 2. The Standing Committee, if they deem the charge well founded, shall make a presentment in writing to the Bishop, stating the offence or offences of which the said Clergyman is alleged to be guilty, together with specifications, as far as may be, with reasonable certainty as to time, place, and circumstances.

Sec. 3. The Bishop shall thereupon summon a jury of five Presbyters, of whom the accused may select three to act as the court by which he will be tried. The court shall be judges of the law and the facts. The Standing Committee shall act as prosecutors in the case, and shall give the accused a copy of the presentment made to the Bishop, and also sixty days' notice of the time and place of trial. Witnesses may be summoned by

either party, and examined under oath in the presence of the court. Depositions may also be taken under oath, of witnesses whose personal attendance at the court cannot be procured; both parties having had timely notice of the time and place of taking such depositions.

Sec. 4. The accused party may, in all cases, employ legal counsel, and in case of such choice, the Standing Committee shall have the same privilege. The accused shall also have the right of a public trial; but if he prefer a trial in the presence of the court alone, he may conduct his own defence, or be assisted by any Clergyman of this Church.

Sec. 5. After an impartial investigation of the testimony, and hearing of the case, the court shall be called upon individually to pronounce a verdict of guilty or not guilty upon each charge or specification in the presentment.

Sec. 6. If the majority of the court shall pronounce the accused to be guilty of all or any of the specifications, they shall then deliberate and give their judgment as to the act of discipline which the offence or offences proven seem to demand, which shall be either admonition, suspension for a limited time, or degradation from the ministry, as the majority of votes by ballot shall determine.

Sec. 7. An accurate record of the proceedings of the court, including all the testimony, whether oral or written, shall be kept by a clerk appointed for that purpose, and a certified copy of it shall be delivered to the Bishop.

Sec. 8. If the Bishop should approve the judgment of the court he shall, within thirty days after the verdict is rendered, proceed to administer the discipline awarded by the court.

Sec. 9. Should the Bishop disapprove either the verdict or the sentence of the court, if said verdict or sentence be adverse to the accused, he may, at discretion, summon a new court, (constituted as directed in third section of this Canon,) and order a

new trial. The decision of this second court shall be final, and the Bishop shall then proceed to execute it as above.

Sec. 10. If the accused shall not appear at the trial, the judgment of the court shall proceed against him by default, and he shall be suspended from the exercise of his clerical functions for the space of six months,—and if, during that period, he shall not apply for trial, he shall then be degraded from the ministry.

Sec. 11. If there be necessity for the trial of a Clergyman at any time when the Episcopate of the Diocese is vacant, the Bishop of some neighboring Diocese may, at the request of the Standing Committee, perform all the acts assigned by this Canon to the Bishop of the Diocese.

RULES OF ORDER,

AND A

STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS,

OF THE

CONVENTION OF THE CHURCH,

IN THE DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND.

I. RULES OF ORDER.

1. When the President takes the chair no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the chair.

2. The members of the Convention shall sit in pews contiguous to one another—the delegates of each church occupying one pew.

3. No member shall absent himself from the Convention unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. All special committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

5. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not again be drawn into debate during the session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

6. When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise, and with due respect address

himself to the President, and confine himself strictly to the point in debate.

7. When two members chance to rise at the same time, the President shall determine to whom the preference shall be given; and all questions of order the President shall decide,—subject to an appeal to the Convention.

8. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

9. No motion shall be acted upon until seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

10. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private conversation to the interruption of the Convention.

11. Every member who is in the Convention when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the question, or excused by the President.

12. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to postpone, to amend, to divide or to commit.

13. A motion for amendment or postponement shall be considered as the previous question, and be decided before the original motion.

14. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

15. The yeas and nays shall be called and entered on the minutes, when required by one-fifth of the members present.

16. At the request of the President, or on motion, the Convention may resolve itself into a committee of the whole.

17. All elections, when required by two members, shall be by ballot.

18. All other questions shall be decided *viva voce*, or by hand vote, unless a ballot be called for by two members.

19. The sittings of the Convention shall be open to all persons who choose to attend, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

20. After the first day, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning at the opening of the Convention, and if necessary, corrected; and before the rising of the Convention, the whole proceedings of the session shall be read.

21. When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

22. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

23. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be read at the opening of every Convention, and shall be of force, unless repealed by a vote of the Convention.

II. STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS.

After the organization of the Convention as provided for by the Constitution, the following Order of Business shall be observed the first day of the session.

I. The business incident to the organization of the Convention, embracing the consideration of application of Churches or Parishes, for admission into union with the Convention; reports from special committees appointed at a preceding session of the Convention, &c.

II. Reading of the Bishop's Address.

III. Regular Annual Reports, in the following order:

1. Report from the Treasurer of the Convention.
2. Report from the Standing Committee.
3. Report from the Board of Missions.
4. Report from the Board of Education.
5. Report from the Board of Sunday Schools.
6. Report from the Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes.
7. Report from the Depository Board.
8. Report from the Board for Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.
9. Parochial Reports.

The following order of business shall be observed for the second day of the Convention:

I. Elections,—

1. Of Deputies to the General Convention.
2. Of Treasurer.
3. Of Standing Committee.
4. Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.
5. Board of Education.
6. Board of Sunday Schools.
7. Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes.
8. Board for the Relief of Widows and Orphans, &c.
9. Depository Board.
10. Miscellaneous.

APPENDIX.

Parochial Reports.

PROVIDENCE COUNTY.

GRACE CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 9; Infants, 20; total 29. Confirmations, 21. Communicants,—350. Marriages, 8. Burials, 6. Sunday School,—Teachers 33; Scholars, 275. Sunday Offerings and Contributions, $2,030 39.

The sum of eight thousand dollars, in addition to the above, has been raised in this Parish during the last year, for the erection of a Chapel in the rear of the Church.

THOMAS M. CLARK, *Rector.*

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 10; Infants, 27; total, 37. Confirmations, 31. Communicants,—added, 35; died and removed, 3; present number, 335. Marriages, 11. Burials, 15. Missionary and charitable contributions, not including Communion offerings, $2,491 50. Sunday Schools,—Teachers, 51; Scholars, 408; largest attendance, 300. Offerings for Foreign and Domestic Missions, $700.

The School for sewing and oral instruction, on Saturday afternoons, has numbered, during the past years, about forty.

N. B. CROCKER, *Rector.*

L. W. BANCROFT, *Assistant.*

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 6; Infants, 15; total, 21. Confirmed, 13. Burials, 8. Mariages, 6. Communicants,—added, 24; died or removed, 19; present number, 150. Sunday School,—Teachers, 19; Scholars, 120. Missionary and other charitable contributions, upwards of *One Thousand Dollars*.

St. Stephen's enjoys as large a measure of prosperity as could reasonably be looked for in its present unfortunate location.

The Sunday School is larger and more thrifty than it has been for some years past,—it being under more efficient management.

During the past Conventional year, a new and very superior Organ has been procured for the Church.

H. WATERMAN, *Rector*.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 2; Infants, 8; total, 10. Confirmed, 11. Communicants,—added, 26; died and removed, 7; present number, 75. Marriages, 8. Burials, 13. Sunday School,—Teachers, 8; Scholars, 90. Communion alms and special offerings, $305. Appropriated as follows:—Domestic Missions, $30; Foreign Missions, $27 13; Diocesan Missions, $60; Nashotah, $50; building Churches, 54; Indian Mission in Minnesota, $15; Widows and Orphans Fund, 12 04; the remainder to other charitable objects. The regular Sunday offerings have amounted to $159 71.

Our Church edifice has been greatly enlarged and very much improved. The late Mr. Frank Mills furnished the plans and specifications for the work.

The necessity of suspending the services for a time, and of worshipping, during about four months, in a place very inconvenient for the congregation, was a disadvantage to us. Since our return to the Church, however, the congregation has increased beyond our expectations; and we trust that we are not without the blessing of the Lord.

It is needless, perhaps, to say that St. Andrew's was never in so flourishing a condition as it is at present. The cost of the improvements which have been made in the Church building has somewhat exceeded $4,000. About $1,000 of this was raised by the congregation. *The Ladies*, since my last report was rendered, have furnished, by their zeal and industry, for this and other benevolent objects, *more than* $1,000.

It ought to be mentioned that we have a remarkably beautiful and appropriate chancel window: the work of Mr. Owen Doremus, of Orange, N. J. For this we are indebted, in part, to friends of the Rector not residing in the Diocese.

To the many friends who have so liberally aided us, we return our heart-felt thanks.

The whole amount raised in connexion with this Church, during the past Conventional year, (exclusive of pew rents,) has not fallen short of $4,400.

DANIEL HENSHAW, *Rector.*

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 2; Infants, 10; total, 12. Confirmed, 2. Communicants,—added, 9; removed, 7; died 1; present number, 16. Sunday School Scholars, 178; Teachers, 18. Marriages, 6. Burials, 12. Com. alms, $20 50.

The first year of the full organization of the Parish has not been remarkable for its growth, as much as for its changes.

Within the past few months, however, the Sunday School has, under the efficient management of its Superintendent and earnest Teachers, rapidly increased to the number above reported. It promises a still further increase. Indeed, the Sunday School is the most interesting feature in the Parish.

We have, also, a very flourishing Ladies' Society, organized within the past year, and doing good service; while with it there has just been commenced a children's Sewing Circle.

Our desire and hope is that we may gather in the Church of the Messiah an active congregation, ever ready to work together in the vineyard of the Lord.

BENJAMIN B. BABBITT, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NORTH PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 6; Infants, 25; total, 31. Communicants, about 230. Confirmed, 8. Sunday School,—Teachers, 20; Scholars, about 180. Marriages, 40. Burials, 47. Money collected for Missions and other purposes,—for Diocesan Missions, $60; for Foreign Missions, $13 21; for Domestic Missions,

$8 83; for Society for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased and superannuated Clergymen, $4 62; for Organ for Sunday School, $475 00; Sunday Offerings, $162 10.

GEORGE TAFT, *Rector.*

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, WOONSOCKET.

Baptisms,—Adults, 4; Infants, 28; total, 32. Confirmations, 11. Communicants,—added 27; died and removed, 27; present number, 127. Marriages, 14. Burials, 25. Families, 125. Sunday School,—Teachers, 18; Scholars, 140. Missions,—for Foreign and Domestic, $74 00; Widows and Orphans of Clergy, $12 32; Sewing Circle, for Parochial and Diocesan purposes, $237 00; Communion alms and other charitable contributions, $84 92; total, $408 24. This amount is in addition to about five thousand dollars which have been raised in the Parish, for the Church building.

Our new Church was open for divine service for the first time on Christmas day; and on the 31st of the same month, 1856, was consecrated to the worship of Almighty God. It is some larger than the old one, and contains sittings for about six hundred persons. This is the second enlargement of our accommodations for public worship during the last ten years; an encouraging fact, when we take into the account the large number of removals, and the very small increase in the population of the village, for this period of time. The style of architecture of the Church is Romanesque, from original designs by Russell Warren, Esq., and is pronounced by all who have seen it, a neat and beautiful edifice. There is a large and commodious room in the basement, which we never before possessed, but which we now truly appreciate, for our Sunday School and evening services.

The decided increase in the congregation, and the improved interest manifested in the services of the Church, have fully met our expectations. About all the pews in the house are rented and usually well filled. The number of families now actually connected with the Parish, is larger than at any time previous.

The Sunday School, on account of many removals, is not quite so large as in some years past, but is still in a prosperous state. Its library has recently received a valuable addition from an individual whose liberality it has frequently experienced, and now contains upwards of five hundred volumes.

May the commencement of this new era in the history of this Parish, be followed by such benign influences of the Holy Spirit, as to effect true repentance and holiness of life and advance the Redeemer's kingdom and glory.

B. P. Talbot, *Rector.*

EMANUEL CHURCH, MANVILLE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 3; Infants, 6; total, 9: Communicants,—added, 10; died and removed, 4; present number, 39. Sunday School Teachers, 10; Scholars, 83. Marriages, 1; Burials, 4. Contributions,—Widows and Orphans Fund, $4 31; S. S. Offerings,—African Mission, $5 00; Foreign and Domestic Missions, $16 00; Communion Alms, $35 50; Ladies Sewing Circle, $128 85; total, $187 67.

The business aspect of our village does not change for the better, nor does our population increase; but there is a manifest increase of good feeling and interest in the community around us.

A third service on alternate Sundays is held in Albion, and has thus far been attended with very happy results. The church is steadily gaining ground,—the more known, the more loved.

F. J. Warner, *Rector.*

CHRIST CHURCH, LONSDALE.

The past, like previous years, has been marked by lights and shadows, and though attended by a degree of prosperity far less than the measure of our desires, yet enough to preclude discouragement. Fewer additions have been made to the communion than in some previous years, but the congregations have been larger, and a good degree of interest been manifested. Our Sunday School is large, and affords a promising field of spiritual culture. The church has just been newly carpeted, at an expense of about one hundred dollars.

Our records show the following statistics for the last year:—Baptisms,—Infants, 22. Communicants,—added, 15; died, 3; removed, 4; present number, 130. Marriages, 16; Burials, 21. Sunday School,—Scholars, 150; Teachers, 22. Contri-

butions,—Communion Offerings, $43 66; Convocation, $70 11; Depository Board, $2 30; Widows and Orphans Fund, $10 62; Domestic Missions, $52 80; Foreign Missions, $35 58; Nashotah, $6 54; Kansas, $24 52; Building Churches, $31 00; total, $277 13.

Of the donations to Missions, *sixty-two dollars* were contributed by the children of the Sunday School, at their late annual christmas festival.

GEO. W. HATHAWAY, *Rector.*

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, JOHNSTON.

Baptisms,—Adults, 1; Infants, 8; total, 9. Communicants,—added, 5; removed, 6; present number, 41. Sunday School,—Teachers, 8; Scholars, 50. Marriages, 1. Burials, 5. Missionary and Charitable Contributions—Domestic Missions, $5 00; Communion Alms, $28 14.

On the 13th day of last January, the Bishop consecrated our new Church to the worship of Almighty God. It is built of granite stone and consists of nave, chancel and vestry. The inside measurements are :—nave, 55×30, chancel, 17×22, and vestry, 8×10. The plans were furnished by the late Mr. Frank Mills. The whole sum paid, including moving of old church and clearing of lot, plans, furnace, carpets, &c., has been $5,294 00. Of this amount the Parish contributed $2,178 00; members of Grace Church, Providence, $715 00; St. John's, $430 00; St. Stephen's, $290 00; St. Michael's, Bristol, $50 00; Zion, Newport, $20 00. The remainder was obtained from the Larned Legacy and from friends of the Church, in various places. A very beautiful chancel window of stained glass, costing $150 00, and a handsome wheel window in the end opposite the chancel, costing $50 00, were the gift of Mr. E. D. Fogg, of Providence. An appropriate side chancel window was presented by the architect. Ten ornamental corbels were the gift of Mr. J. E. Cranston, of St. Andrew's Church, Providence. There is yet a small debt which we hope very soon to remove. We desire, again this year, to repeat the expression of our most sincere thanks to the friends who have nobly assisted us in building the House of the Lord.

The Rector cannot close his report without making honorable mention of those few of his parishioners, who have so zealously assisted him in his labors. Through many severe self-denials and

much personal discomfort have they given themselves to the work of the Lord, and by many encouraging words, and kind deeds have they held up the hands, and strengthened the heart of His humble minister. May God's blessing rest upon them.

WM. H. MILLS, *Rector.*

BRISTOL COUNTY.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BRISTOL.

Baptisms,—Adults, 4; Infants, 11; total, 15. Confirmations, 13. Communicants, about 270. Sunday School,—Teachers, 23; Scholars, about 150. Missionary and Charitable Collections, about $850 00.

St. Michael's Church has been closed for some time past, for alterations and repairs, which, when completed, (which will probably be by the first of August, will be a very beautiful and commodious Church. Two appropriate marble tablets are to be introduced to the memory respectively of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Griswold and the Rev. John Bristed. The repairs, &c., of the Church, will involve a cost of not less than $2,000.

JOSEPH TRAPNELL, *Rector.*

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, WARREN.

Confirmations, 2. Communicants,—added, 2; removed, 4; present number, 123. Sunday School,—Teachers, 18; Scholars, 103. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2. Missionary and Charitable Contributions, $174 46.

During a large part of the past year this Parish has been destitute of a Rector. The present incumbent entered upon his duties on the first of January.

EATON W. MAXCY, JR., *Rector.*

NEWPORT COUNTY.

TRINITY CHURCH, NEWPORT.

Confirmed, 18. Added to Communion, 25. Adults baptized, 5; Infants, 6.

The Sabbath School under the excellent superintendence of Mr. W. C. Leverett, is in a highly flourishing condition.

A. G. Mercer, *Rector.*

ZION CHURCH, NEWPORT.

Baptisms,—Adults, 5. Confirmations, 10. Communicants,—added 13; died and removed, 6; present number, 143. Sunday School,—Teachers, 18; Scholars, 130. Marriages, 2. Burials, 12. Contributions, $441 03; Sunday School Missions, $128 83; total, $569 86.

Legh R. Dickinson, *Rector.*

EMANUEL CHURCH, NEWPORT.

Baptisms,—Adults, 6; Infants, 29; total, 35. Confirmations, 13. Communicants,—added, 25; died and removed, 9; present number, 83. Sunday School,—Teachers, 21; Scholars, 150. Marriages, 15. Burials, 21. Offerings, $1,103 32. Expenditures,—Sunday School rooms, $500 00; Rent of old Church, $80 00; insurance, $70 75; sexton, $56 50; fuel and lights, $74 83; Music, $38 00; Missions, &c., $51 00; total, $1,171 08.

There is a debt of $1,238 67, for benches, furnaces, and other necessary fixtures.

The new Church was first occupied on Sunday, July 6th, 1856. Since that time the congregation and collections have largely increased. We adhere strictly to the system of free seats and free-will offerings.

The Church will be consecrated when the debt is paid off.

D. Richmond Brewer, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH.

Baptisms,—Adults, 10; Infants, 9; total, 19. Confirmations, 17. Communicants,—added, 23; died and removed, 4; present

number, 47. Sunday Schools,—Teachers, 7; Scholars, 30. Marriages, 4. Burials, 5. Missionary and Charitable Contributions, $73 06.

G. W. Chevers, *Rector.*

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH, AND HOLY CROSS CHAPEL, MIDDLETOWN.

Baptisms,—Adults, 3; Infants, 4; total, 7. Confirmed, 5. Communicants,—added, 12; removed, 1; present number, 51. Sunday Schools, 2; Teachers, 7; Scholars, 42. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3. Missionary and Charitable Contributions, $71 86.

The worship at Holy Cross Chapel has been maintained during the greater part of the year by the services, freely given, of the Rev. Mr. Dalton, and since his removal from Newport, of the Rev. Mr. Bush, of that city. The valuable relief thus afforded, and the increased religious interest of the congregation, prompts to this public expression of gratitude for such gracious and ready help.

H. Williams, *Missionary.*

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, JAMESTOWN.

Communicants,—died, 1; present number, 10. Marriages, 1. Burials, 3. Contributions,—Foreign Missions, $2 00; Widows and Orphans Fund, $2 00; other objects, $12 00; total, $16 00.

George Anthony, *Deacon.*

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

CHRIST CHURCH, WESTERLY.

Baptisms,—Adults, 3; Infants, 7; total, 10. Confirmed, 6, (of these two were confirmed by Bishop Mc'Ilvaine, in Ohio.) Communicants,—added, 8; died and removed, 9; present number, 172. Sunday School,—Teachers, 14; Scholars, 70. Mar-

riages, 7. Burials, 10. Missionary and Charitable Contributions,—Missions, $150 00; other charities, $200 00; total, $350 00.

In addition to these contributions the Rector gratefully acknowledges a generous donation, (chiefly in money,) from his parishioners, to the value of at least three hundred dollars.

THOMAS H. VAIL, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHUCH, WICKFORD.

Baptisms,—Infants, 4. Confirmed, 1; Communicants,—added, 4; died and removed, 2; present number, 79. Marriages, 3. Burials, 4. Scholars in Sunday School, 40; Teachers, 6. Missionary and Charitable Contributions, $112 25; Contingent expenses, $98 00; Communion offerings, $12 47; total, $222 72.

A. B. FLANDERS, *Rector.*

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, WAKEFIELD.

Only occasional services have been held, during the past year, until the month of May last, when the Church was again opened for divine service, Mr. Wm. Stow, Lay Reader, officiating.

No baptisms or marriages are recorded since 1855; and no Communicants added since 1854; the number remaining on the record is 36. One burial during the year. Contributions, $2 05.

A Sunday School has been commenced with encouraging prospects; and it is hoped that, with proper exertions, a large number of scholars may be collected. It now numbers,—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 25.

ELISHA WATSON, *Senior Warden.*

KENT COUNTY.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, EAST GREENWICH.

Baptisms,—Adults, 2; Infants, 5; total, 7. Confirmed, 6. Communicants,—added, 6; removed, 3; present number, 67.

Burials, 6. Marriages, 3. Sunday School about as years past. Contributions of the Parish to Domestic and Foreign Missions, $26 00; of Bible Class to Africa, $7 00; for Sunday School, $22 00.

S. A. Crane, *Rector.*

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, CROMPTON.

This Parish, from a variety of causes that have hitherto existed, is reduced to a low condition, both in its spiritual and secular concerns. Yet, the materials around it, for the formation of a congregation, are abundant; and doubtless time, patience, and labor, under the Divine blessing, will increase it, with the increase of God.

Since my connection with the Parish, I have married one couple, baptized three infants, and the Bishop administered Confirmation to one candidate, at Fiskville.

At the present time, we have thirty-five Sabbath Scholars and six Teachers.

The contributions of the Parish, since the middle of last March, are,—$2 00 to our General Foreign and Domestic Missionary Society; one for the support of the Episcopate; and $2 00 to defray the expenses of Convention. Something will also be done, at another time, in aid of the funds of the Convocation.

D. Potter, *Rector.*

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop:

REPORT OF GENERAL MISSIONARY.

Baptisms,—Adults, 2; Infants, 20; total, 22. Communicants,—added, 7; removed, 3; died, 1; present number, 32. Sunday Schools, 2; Teachers, 14; Scholars, 98. Marriages, 3. Burials, 5.

James H. Eames.

To the Rt. Rev. Thos. M. Clark, D. D.:

I continued to officiate in the Baptist Meeting House, at Narragansett, until about the first of August last, under apparently

encouraging circumstances; when, some difficulties arising in respect to the occupancy of the house of worship, which had been granted me only by individual courtesy, I at once withdrew.

Immediately after which, I supplied the then vacant Parish, at Wakefield, for about two months.

Since when I have occasionally supplied other parishes, and when not otherwise engaged, have generally rendered some assistance to my Rev. Brother, in the neighboring Parish of St. Paul's, Wickford.

I report,—Infant Baptisms, 2, and Funerals, 2.

JAMES H. CARPENTER.

To the Rt. Rev. Bishop Clark:

Since my ordination, I haue officiated Sunday mornings, at the Holy Cross Chapel, Middletown, and on several occasions, assisted the Rev. Messrs. Brewer and Dickinson, in the afternoon service.

AUGUSTUS BUSH, *Deacon.*

Rt. Rev. Bishop Clark:

I was in Newport six months, after my dedication to the Diaconate, before leaving for this city.

During these months, I officiated nearly every Sunday, at the Chapel of the Holy Cross, in Middletown. On other Sundays, I assisted in reading the service, or preached at some of the city churches.

A. DALTON.

Right Rev. and Dear Sir:

Having had no parochial charge for several years past, on account of ill health, I have had very little to communicate. But since my removal to this city, I have led the devotions of the faithful in all the churches of the city save one, and have preached more than fifty sermons. I have also done some duty in the State of New Jersey, viz: New Brunswick and in Jersey City. At

present I am the acting Rector of St. Paul's Church, in South Brooklyn, Mr. Labagh, the Rector thereof, being absent in Europe.

Yours, sincerely and faithfully in Christ,

LEMUEL BURGE.

Brooklyn, N. Y., June 8th, 1857.

Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, D. D:

In the employment of the "Church Missionary Union of Providence" I have been occupied, during the past year, in attending to the wants of such needy people as have come within my knowledge, and particularly in promoting the spiritual welfare of those members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who have not fallen under the care of the parochial Clergy. I have baptized nine children; married seven couple; and attended seventeen funerals. On several occasions I have administered the Holy Communion to the sick, in private. When needed, I have officiated on Sundays.

D. L. B. GOODWIN, *Church Missionary.*

Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark:

I would respectfully report that I have been engaged, the past year, as the Superintendent of the Public Schools of the City of Providence. I have officiated, occasionally, in some of the neighboring Churches, and have frequently assisted in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

DANIEL LEACH.

Abstract of Parochial Reports, June, 1857.

PLACES.	CHURCHES.	RECTOR OR MINISTER	BAPT'MS.			COMM'CTS.			Confirmations.	Marriages.	Burials.	S. S.		Sunday Offerings and Contributions for Religious purposes.
			Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Added.	Died and Removed.	Present Number.				Teachers.	Scholars.	
Providence,	Grace,	T. M. Clark, D. D.,	9	20	29	—	—	350	21	8	6	33	275	$2030 39
"	St. John's,	N. B. Crocker, D. D., L. W. Bancroft,	10	27	37	35	3	335	31	11	15	51	408	2491 50
"	St. Stephen's,	H. Waterman,	6	15	21	24	19	250	13	6	8	19	120	1000 00
"	St. Andrew's,	D. Henshaw,	2	8	10	26	7	75	11	8	13	8	90	305 00
	Messiah,	B. B. Babbitt,	2	10	12	9	8	17	2	6	12	18	178	20 50
North Providence.	St. Paul's,	Geo. Taft,	6	25	31	—	—	230	8	40	47	20	180	248 76
Woonsocket,	St. James's,	B. P. Talbot,	4	28	32	27	27	127	11	14	25	18	140	408 24
Manville.	Emanuel.	F. J. Warner,	3	6	9	10	4	39	9	1	4	10	83	187 67
Lonsdale.	Christ,	G. W. Hathaway,	—	22	22	15	7	130	—	16	21	22	150	277 13
Manton,	St. Peter's,	W. H. Mills,	1	8	9	5	6	41	—	1	5	8	50	28 14
Bristol,	St. Michael's,	J. Trapnell, Jr.,	4	11	15	—	—	270	13	—	—	—	—	850 00
Warren,	St. Mark's,	E. W. Maxcy, Jr..	—	—	—	2	4	123	2	1	2	18	103	174 46
Newport.	Trinity,	A. G. Mercer,	5	6	11	25	—	—	18	—	—	—	—	
"	Zion,	L. R. Dickinson.	5	—	5	13	6	143	10	2	12	18	130	569 86
"	Emanuel,	D. R. Brewer,	6	39	35	25	9	83	13	15	21	21	150	1103 32
Portsmouth,	St. Paul's,	G. W. Chevers,	10	9	19	23	4	47	17	4	5	7	30	73 06
"	St. Mary's,	H. Williams,	3	4	7	12	1	51	6	2	3	7	42	71 86
Jamestown,	St. Matthew's,	G. Anthony,	—	—	—	—	1	10	—	1	3	—	—	16 00
Westerly,	Christ,	T. H. Vail.	3	7	10	8	9	172	6	7	10	14	70	350 00
Wickford,	St. Paul's,	A. B. Flanders,		4	4	4	2	79	1	3	4	6	40	222 72
Wakefield,	Ascension,			—	—	—		36	—	—	1	5	25	2 05
East Greenwich,	St. Luke's,	S. A. Crane, D. D.,	2	5	7	6	3	67	6	3	6	—	—	55 00
Crompton,	St. Philip's,	D. Potter,	—	3	3	—	—	—	1	1	—	6	35	
General Missionary,		J. H. Eames,	2	20	22	7	4	32	—	3	5	14	98	
			83	267	350	276	123	2607	198	153	228	323	2387	$10485 66

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON CURRENT EXPENSES.

The Committee on Finance report that the estimated expenses of this Convention are One Hundred and Seventy-Six Dollars, which sum has been assessed as follows, viz:

St. John's Church,	Providence,		$25 00
Grace "	"		25 00
St. Stephen's "	"		13 00
St. Andrew's "	"		3 00
Trinity "	Newport,		21 00
Zion "	"		11 00
St. Paul's "	North Providence,		10 00
St. Michael's "	Bristol,		16 00
St. Mark's "	Warren,		10 00
Christ "	Lonsdale,		6 00
St. James's "	Woonsocket,		9 00
Christ "	Westerly,		9 00
St. Paul's "	North Portsmouth,		2 00
Emanuel "	Manville,		2 00
St. Luke's "	East Greenwich,		2 00
St. Paul's "	Wickford,		2 00
Ascension "	Wakefield,		1 00
St. Peter's "	Johnston,		1 00
St. Philip's "	Crompton,		1 00
St. Thomas's "	Greeneville,		2 00
St. Mary's "	South Portsmouth,		2 00
Ch. of Holy Cross,	Middletown,		2 00
Ch. of the Messiah,	Providence,		1 00
			$176 00

The Committee beg leave to recommend the following Resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the Delegates now pay their several assessments.

(Signed) GEORGE WARDWELL,
R. M. LARNED,
DUNCAN C. PELL,
} *Committee.*

Providence, June 9th, 1857.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON THE BISHOP'S SALARY.

The Committee of Finance have assessed the several Parishes in this Diocese, for the Salary of the Bishop, in accordance with the Eighth Canon, as follows, viz:

St. John's Church,	Providence,		$70 00
Grace "	"		70 00
St. Stephen's "	"		28 00
St. Andrew's "	"		5 00
Ch. of the Messiah,	"		1 00
Trinity Church,	Newport,		51 00
Zion "	"		38 00
Emanuel "	"		2 00
St. Paul's "	North Providence,		31 00
St. Michael's "	Bristol,		40 00
St. Mark's "	Warren,		30 00
Christ "	Lonsdale,		15 00
St. James's "	Woonsocket,		28 00
Christ "	Westerly,		28 00
St. Paul's "	Portsmouth,		5 00
St. Mary's "	"		5 00
Emanuel "	Manville,		5 00
St. Luke's "	East Greenwich,		13 00
St. Paul's "	Wickford,		15 00
Ascension "	Wakefield,		13 00
St. Peter's "	Johnston,		2 00
St. Philip's "	Crompton,		1 00
Ch. of Holy Cross,	Middletown,		5 00
St. Matthew's Church,	Jamestown,		2 00
St. Thomas's "	Greeneville,		3 00
			$506 00

The Committee recommend that the foregoing assessments be collected and paid to the Treasurer on or before the first day of August next.

(Signed) GEORGE WARDWELL,
R. M. LARNED,
DUNCAN C. PELL,
} *Committee.*

Providence, June 9th, 1857.

Dr. *Convention Expenses (Diocese of R. I.,) in account with E. W. Howard, Tr.,* *Cr.*

1856.		
June 11.	To pd Wm. Vero, Sexton Grace Church, for services for attending Convention, 1856,	$8 00
July 31.	Pd Henry L. Tillinghast, for printing, enveloping and mailing 1000 copies Journal, June, 1856, 60 pages and covers,	106 00
Aug. 9.	Pd W. H. Mills, Sec'ry, for postage on Journals, 1856, for periodicals and papers,	1 12
Dec. 1.	Pd quota of this Diocese, for expenses of General Convention, held at Philadelphia, October, 1856,	46 50
1857.		
Feb. 20.	Pd quota of this Diocese for deficit in amount required for expenses of General Conventions 1853 and 1856, as per Canon,	15 50
	To balance to new account,	22 10
		$199 22

E. E. E. W. HOWARD, *Tr.*

June 9, 1857.

1856.				
June 10.	By balance to new account,			$49 22
	By Assessment of June 11, 1856, of			
		St. Andrew's Church,	Providence,	2 00
	ditto	Trinity,	Newport,	17 00
	ditto	Zion,	Newport,	9 00
	ditto	St. Paul's,	Pawtucket,	9 00
	ditto	St. Michael's,	Bristol,	14 00
	ditto	St. Mark's,	Warren,	9 00
	ditto	Christ,	Lonsdale,	5 00
	ditto	St. James',	Woonsocket,	8 00
	ditto	Christ,	Westerly,	8 00
	ditto	St. Paul's,	N. Portsmouth,	2 00
	ditto	Emanuel,	Manville,	2 00
	ditto	St. Paul's,	Wickford,	2 00
	ditto	St. Peter's,	Johnston,	1 00
	dttto	Holy Cross Chapel,	Middletown,	2 00
	ditto	St. Mary's,	S. Portsmouth,	2 00
Sept. 22.	ditto	St. John's,	Providence,	20 00
	ditto	Grace,	Providence,	20 00
Dec. 6.	ditto	St. Stephen's,	Providence,	11 00
June 9.	ditto	St. Thomas's,	Greeneville,	2 00
	ditto	Ch. of the Messiah,	Providence,	1 00
	ditto	Emanuel,	Newport,	1 00
	ditto	St. Philip's,	Crompton,	1 00
	ditto	St. Luke's,	E Greenwich,	2 00
				$199 22

1857. June. The above acct. has been examined with the vouchers, and found correct.

GEO. S. WARDWELL,
R. M. LARNED,
DUNCAN C. PELL,
} *Committee on Finance.*

1857. June 9. By balance to new account, $22 10

Dr. *Bishop's Salary (Diocese of R. I.,) in account with E. W. Howard, Tr.* *Cr.*

1856.			
June 11.	To amount paid Bishop Clark, from unappropriated funds in this account, for travelling expenses during the year, to June 11, 1856,		$100 00
Sept. 1.	To cash paid Bishop Clark, one quarters salary to Sept. 1, 1856,		125 00
Dec. 6.	To cash paid Bishop Clark, one quarters salary to Dec. 1, 1856,		125 00
1857.			
Feb. 7.	To cash paid Bishop Clark, one quarters salary to March 1, 1857,		125 00
June 9.	To cash paid Bishop Clark, one quarters salary to June 1, 1857,		125 00
" "	To balance to new account,		60 15
			$660 15

E. E. E. W. HOWARD, *Tr.*
Providence, June 9, 1857.

1856.			
June 11.	By balance of old account,		$167 15
Sept. 22.	By Assess. June, 1856,	St. John's Ch., Providence,	70 00
	ditto "	Grace Church, Providence,	70 00
29.	ditto "	St. James's, Woonsocket,	28 00
Oct. 1.	ditto "	St. Paul's, Wickford,	15 00
	ditto "	St Paul's, Pawtucket,	31 00
9.	ditto "	Christ Church, Westerly,	28 00
23.	ditto "	Trinity Church, Newport,	51 00
Nov. 5.	ditto "	St. Peter's Johnston,	2 00
Dec. 6.	ditto "	St. Stephen's, Providence,	28 00
1857.			
Jan. 3.	ditto "	Zion Church, Newport,	38 00
15.	ditto "	St. Mark's, Warren,	30 00
Feb. 28.	ditto "	Emanuel, Newport,	2 00
June 9.	ditto "	St. Paul's, Portsmouth,	5 00
	ditto "	Christ, Lonsdale,	15 00
	ditto "	Church of the Messiah,	1 00
	ditto "	Emanuel, Manville,	5 00
	ditto "	St. Matthew's, Jamestown,	2 00
	ditto "	St. Thomas's, Greenville,	3 00
	ditto "	St. Mary's, Portsmouth,	5 00
	ditto "	Chapel of Holy Cross, Midd'n,	5 00
	ditto "	St. Philip's, Crompton,	1 00
	ditto "	St. Luke's, E. Greenwich,	13 00
	ditto "	St. Michael's, Bristol,	40 00
	ditto "	St. Andrew's, Providence,	5 00
			$660 15

The above account has been examined with the vouchers and found correct.

GEO. S. WARDWELL,
R. M. LARNED,
DUNCAN C. PELL,
} *Committee on Finance.*

June 9. By balance to new account, $60 15

Dr. Missionary Convocation (Diocese R. I.,) in account with E. W. Howard, Treas. Cr.

1857.			
April 1.	Approp'n for year to April 1, '57, to Rev. B. B. Babbitt,		$300
	" " " "	Wm. H. Mills, (of which $50 is from special pledge,	200
	" " " "	G. W. Chevers,	325
	" " " "	E. H. Maxcy,	100
	" " " "	J. H. Eames, (of which $175 is from special pledge,)	300
June 10.	To balance to new account,		247 31
			$1,472 31

1857.				
June 10.	By pledge for yr. to Ap. 1, '57, of Grace Church, Providence,		$200	
	" " "	St. John's Ch., Providence,	300	
	" " "	Christ Church, Lonsdale,	60	
	" " "	St. Paul's, N. Providence,	60	
	" " "	Christ, Westerly,	80	
	" " "	St. Peter's, Rockville,	50	
	" " "	St. Andrew's, Providence,	60	
	" " "	St. Paul's, Wickford,	50	
	" " "	St. Mark's, Warren,	100	
	" " "	Ch. of Messiah, Providence,	50	
Extra	" " "	Ch of Messiah, Providence,	25	
	" " "	Trinity Church, Newport,	80	
Special	" " "	St. Stephen's, Providence, for Rev. J. H. Eames,	175	
	" " "	St. Thomas's, Greeneville,	22	50
	" " "	St. Michael's, Bristol,	25	
Special	" " "	St. Michael's, Bristol, for Rev. Daniel Henshaw,	50	
	" " "	St. Philip's, Crompton,	35	81
	" " "	Fiskville Station,	32	
	" " "	Emanuel, Newport,	5	
	" " "	St. Paul's, Portsmouth,	12	
			$1,472	31
1857.				
June 10.	By balance of old account,		247	31

E. E., E. W. HOWARD, *Treasurer.*

Dr. *Coggeshall & Stewart in account with R. I. Episcopal Depository.* *Cr.*

1856				1856.			
Mch. 12.	For	bal.,	$106 70	April 2.	By	S. S. Library, delivered Rev. Mr. Cheevers,	$10 00
	"	stock as per inventory,	236 35		"	30 Prayers delivered Rev. Mr. Eames,	7 50
Dec. 31.	"	stock rec'd from Episcopal S. S. Union,	50 21	July 28.	"	paid Episcopal S. S. Union,	70 66
1857.				Dec. 31.	"	freight to date,	1 25
Feb. 7.	"	profit on sales $51 43,—25 per cent.,	12 86	1857.			
	"	shelving rec'd from G. H. Whitney,	2 50	Feb. 7.	"	10 per cent. commission on sales, $51 43,	5 14
					"	stock as per inventory, transferred to Depository,	235 13
			$408 62		"	bill of Episcopal S. S. Union,	50 21
					"	cash paid Treasurer to balance,	28 73
							$408 62

Providence, Feb. 18th, 1857.

[For Depository acct. continued see next page.]

Dr. *R. I. Episcopal Depository in account with the Sub-Committee.* **Cr.**

1857.					
Jan. 12.	For stock rec'd from Wm. Coggeshall,			$235 13	
Feb. to June 2.	" bills of Gen. Epis. S. S. Union,	320	54		
Jan. to May 21.	" " " Ev. Kn. Society,	203	16		
Feb. to June 2.	" " " Dana & Co.,	26	85		
Mch. 9 to May 5.	" " " N. Y. B. & P. B. Soc'y,	88	50		
" " 21.	" " " Stanford,	66	31		
" 19 June 2.	" " " T. Nelson & Sons,	41	49		
" "	" " " Coggeshall & Stewart,	18	80		
" "	" " " J. B. Dow,	12	00		
" "	" " " Ide & Dutton,	1	66		
" "	" " " sundry bills,	28	24		
	Profits on sales, $658, (15 per cent.)	98	70		
	To cash received from E. W. Howard, Treasurer,	200	00		
				1106 25	
				$1341 38	

1857.			
June 6.	To balance of stock to new account,		$606 63
	" cash on hand,		58 00
	" due Depository,		107 30
			771 93
	To bills due for stock,		300 79
	Capital,		471 14
	Stock rec'd from Coggeshall,		235 13
	Nett gain of stock,		$236 01

une 8th, 1857.

1857.				
Jan. to June.	By paid freight bills,	$16	70	
" "	" " " Gen. Epis. S. S. Union,	208	73	
" "	" " " Evan. Kn. Society,	108	96	
" "	" " " Dana & Co.,	26	85	
" "	" " " N. Y. Bible and Prayer Society,	51	23	
" "	" " " Stanford,	44	65	
" "	" " " T. Nelson & Sons,	19	30	
June 6.	" " Coggeshall & Stewart,	18	80	
"	" " sundry bills,	28	24	
"	" " Clerk's services,	50	00	
"	" " Cash on hand,	58	00	
	Amount due Depository,	107	30	
				738 76
	Balance of stock to new account,			602 62
				$1341 38

E. E. JONATHAN F. KENYON, *Clerk.*

Providence, June 8th, 1857.

Dr. Funds for Dom. & For. Miss., from Diocese of R. I., in acct. with E. W. Howard, Tr. Cr.

1856.			
Sept. 22.	To cash forwarded J. S. Aspinwall, Tr. F. M.,		$53 00
	" T. N. Stanford, Tr. D. M.,		36 09
1857.			
Jan. 9.	" Jas. S. Aspinwall, Tr. F. M.,		185 70
"	" Rev. H. W. Beers, Iowa,		250 00
"	" T N. Stanford, Tr.,		359 00
Feb. 19.	" J. S. Aspinwall, Tr.,		139 77
	" T. N. Stanford, Tr.,		132 80
Jar. 31.	" by Rev L. W Bancroft,		176 25
Feb. 1.	" by " H. Waterman,		101 52
	" T. N. Stanford, Tr.,		59 00
March	" ditto		10 00
April	" J. S. Aspinwall, Tr.,		566 20
"	" ditto		26 46
May	" ditto		14 00
	" T. N. Stanford, Tr.,		8 00
	" ditto		31 54
April	" S. D Denison, Sec. F. M.,		45 24
	" ditto		44 88
May 18.	" Wm. T. Grinnell, Tr. Widows and Orphans Fund,		78 69
June 9.	pd T. N Stanford, Tr.,		63 09
"	" Rev. H. W. Beers,		125 00
"	" J. S. Aspinwall, Tr.,		255 00
"	" J. S. Aspinwall Tr.,		808 88
	" Rev. T. W. Snow, A. S. S. U.,		231 50
	Amount carried forward,		$3301 61

1856.			
June 15.	By balance old account, (being for the Jews, from St. Mark's.)		1 00
1857.			
June 20.	*Grace Church, Providence.*—Jan. 24, 1857, Epiphany coll. for F. M. $80 27. Sept. 1857, for D. M. $36 09; Advent coll. for do. $80 00.		196 36
	St. John's, Prov.—Sept., '56, Ladies Philanthropic Society, for education Harriet Robeson, African, $50; June, '57, do for Africa, of which $20 is for education Anna C. Allen, in Africa, $255; back coll. of last year, for F. M., $12 26; Monthly coll. for Dec., '56, in Chapel for F. M., $21 25; April, coll. for do, $27; June, coll for F. M., $32 55; Christmas Offering, morning school, for F. M., $102 69; Colored S. S. for do, $10; coll. in colored S S. for Africa, for year to April 1, '57, $41 70; Donation from a member of S. S. for F. M. $1 46; Epiphany coll. for F. M. $226 50; Easter coll. for Cape Palmas, in answer to appeal from Foreign Board, $200; coll. in morning S. S. for do, $50 50; coll. in colored S. S. for do, $15 50; coll. for support of Rev. E. W. Syle, China, $800 Balance reserved from last years account, for Rev. H. W. Beers, Iowa, $25 64; pledge for do from morning S. S, collected to April 1, '57. $349 36; Advent coll. for D. M., $300; Jan., '57, Ladies coll. for the E. K. S., $176 25; June, '57, coll. for Widows and Orphans, $78 69; Feb. coll. for D. M. $7 04 June, '57, coll. for A. S. S. Union, $231 50.		$3014 89
	St. Stephen's, Providence.—Ep. coll. for F. M., $25; Adv. coll. for D. M., $101 52.		126 52
	St. Mark's, Warren.—Jan., 1857, for F. M., $32; D. M., $32.		64 00
	Amount carried forward,		$3402 77

Dr. *Funds for Foreign & Domestic Missions Continued.* **Cr.**

1857.			1857.		
	Amount brought over,	$3,801 61	Jan.	Amount brought over,	$3,402 77
				St. Paul's, N. Providence.—Little Mary, for F. M., $1 00; Epiph. coll., (of which $4 is for Africa, from S. S. class,) $13 21; May, 1857, F. M., 8 88	23 09
				Christ Church, Lonsdale.—Epiph. coll. for F M., $21 00; S S. for Africa, $13 88; China, $1 00; Sp. of Missions, $1 00; Advent coll for D M., $23 20; S. S. Christmas Offering for Iowa, $14 00; Kansas, $4 00; Tiskilwa, $4 60; Western Miss., 7 00; Nashotah, $6 54.	96 22
			Feb., 1857.	*Christ Church, Westerly.*—For Africa, $20 00; Mch., 1857, F. M., $25 00; April, 1857 $26 00 for D. M.,	70 00
				St Mary's, Portsmouth, and Holy Cross Chapel.—For Africa $3 00; for D. M., June, 1856, $5 00; St. Mary's, for D. M., $10 00; May, 1857, for Africa, $3 00; for D. M. $3 00; Holy Cross Chapel, for Africa $2 00	26 00
				Emanuel Manville.—April, 1857, for F. M., $8 00; Africa, $5 00; for D. M., $8 00.	21 00
				St. Luke's, E. Greenwich.—Jan. '57, for Africa, $7 00; Epiph coll. for F. M., $14 00; Jan. '57, for D. M. $12 00.	33 00
				St James's, Woonsocket.—Feb. 1857, for D. M., $14 00; for F. M. $14 00; for Africa, $2 00.	30 00
				Emanuel, Newport.—Feb., 1857, for F. M., $5 00; for D. M., April, 1857, $10 00.	15 00
				St. Andrew's, Prov.—Rev Mr. Breck, Minnesota, $15 00; Advent coll. for D. M., $30 00; March, 1857, for F. M., $27 03.	72 03
				St. Philip's, Crompton.—D. M., $1 00; F. M., $1 00.	2 00
				St. Paul's, N. Portsmouth.—For D. M., $5 25; for F M., $5 25.	10 50
		$3,801 61			$3,801 61

Dr. *Charitable Fund in account with William T. Grinnell, Treasurer.* *Cr.*

1857.			1856.		
May 1.	To cash paid postage,	36	June 10.	By balance from old account,	$2,942 01
	Amount to new account,	3,393 22	1857.	" interest on amt. in Savings Bank, Jan. 14, 1857,	131 25
				" this amt. coll. in St. Mary's, Portsmouth,	2 00
				" " " " Chapel Holy Cross, Midd'n,	2 00
				" " " " Grace Church, Providence,	59 63
				" " " " St. James's, Woonsocket,	12 32
				" " " " Emanuel, Newport,	13 00
				" " " " St. John's, Providence,	78 69
				" " " " St. Mark's, Warren,	18 00
				" " " " St. Paul's, N. Providence,	4 62
				" " " " St. Andrew's, Providence,	12 11
				" " " " St. Stephen's, Providence,	79 16
				" " " " Emanuel Ch., Manville,	4 31
				" " " " Christ Church, Westerly,	10 00
				" " " " St. Thomas's, Greeneville,	2 25
				" " " " St. Luke's, E. Greenwich,	3 31
				" " " " St. Paul's, Portsmouth,	5 40
				" " " " Ch. of Messiah, Providence,	1 00
				" " " " Christ Church, Lonsdale,	10 52
				" " " " St. Matthew's, Jamestown,	2 00
		$3,393 58			$3,393 58

Parishes that have not paid for 1857:
St. Peter's, Johnston,
St. Michael's, Bristol,
Trinity Church, Newport,
Zion Church, Newport,*
St. Paul's Church, Wickford,
Ascension Church, Wakefield,
St. Philip's, Crompton.

Examined and found correct.
GEO. S. WARDWELL,
For Finance Committee.

Errors and omissions excepted,
WILLIAM T. GRINNELL, *Treasurer.*

* Paid since the meeting of the Convention.

Amount to new account, $3,393 22

LIST OF CLERGY

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church,

IN THE

DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND,

1857.

Rt. Rev. THOMAS M. CLARK, D. D.,
Bishop and Rector of Grace Church, Prov.

Rev. GEO. ANTHONY, (Deacon,)
St. Matthew's Church, Jamestown.

Rev. BENJ. B. BABBITT,
Rector of the Church of the Messiah, Prov.

Rev. L. W. BANCROFT,
Assistant, St. John's, Providence.

Rev. D. R. BREWER,
Rector of Emanuel Church, Newport.

Rev. LEMUEL BURGE,
Residing in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rev. A. BUSH, (Deacon,)
Officiating at Middletown.

Rev. JAMES H. CARPENTER,
Residing at Kingstown.

Rev. GEO. W. CHEVERS,
Rector of St. Paul's Church, Portsmouth.

Rev. SILAS A. CRANE, D. D.,
Rector of St. Luke's Church, E. Greenwich.

Rev. NATHAN B. CROCKER, D. D.,
Rector of St. John's Church, Providence.

Rev. LEGH R. DICKINSON,
Rector of Zion Church, Newport.

Rev. JAMES H. EAMES,
Rector of St. Thomas's Ch., Greeneville, and Missionary at Large.

Rev. A. B. FLANDERS,
Rector of St. Paul's Ch., N. Kingstown.

Rev. D. L. B. GOODWIN,
Missionary of the Church Union, Prov.

Rev. GEO. W. HATHAWAY,
Rector of Christ Church, Lonsdale.

Rev. DANIEL HENSHAW,
Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Prov.

Rev. DANIEL LEACH,
Residing in Providence.

Rev. EATON W. MAXCY, JR.,
Rector of St. Mark's Church, Warren.

Rev. A. G. MERCER,
Rector of Trinity Church, Newport.

Rev. WM. H. MILLS,
Rector of St. Peter's Church, Manton.

Rev. DEXTER POTTER,
Rector St. Philip's Church, Crompton.

Rev. ELI W. STOKES,
Officiating in Monrovia, W. Africa.

Rev. GEORGE TAFT,
Rector of St. Paul's Church, North Prov.

Rev. B. P. TALBOT,
Rector of St James's Church, Woonsocket.

Rev. JOS. TRAPNELL, JR.,
Rector of St. Michael's Church, Bristol.

Rev. THOMAS H. VAIL,
Rector of Christ Church, Westerly.

Rev. F. J. WARNER,
Rector of Emanuel Church, Manville.

Rev. HENRY WATERMAN,
Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Prov.

Rev. ELISHA F. WATSON,
Rector of St. Paul's Church, Tower Hill.

Rev. HOBART WILLIAMS,
Rector of St. Mary's Church, S. Portsmouth, and Missionary at Ch. of the Holy Cross, Middletown.

FORM OF A CERTIFICATE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF LAY DELEGATES.

At a meeting of the parish of _____ Church, _____ regularly called in conformity with the Charter and By-Laws, on the _____ day of _____ 185 , Messrs.

were appointed as Delegates from said Parish to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, to be held on the second Tuesday of June, 185 .

At the same meeting, the following persons were also appointed as substitutes :

Attest,

_____, *Warden.*

_____, *Parish Clerk.*

CANON X.

Of the Election of Lay Delegates.

Section 1. Any parish intending to be represented in this Convention, as provided for in the Fourth Article of the Constitution of the Diocese, shall choose its delegates in a parish meeting, regularly called in conformity with the Charter and By-Laws of the parish ; and in addition to the Delegates provided for in said Fourth Article, said parish shall, at the same meeting, choose four other persons to be called substitutes, who, in the order in which they are chosen, shall be entitled to fill the place of any delegate who may resign, or be unable to attend ; and such delegates and substitutes shall continue in office until the next annual meeting of the parish ; and also until new ones shall have been chosen to take their places.

SEC. 2. When the Committee on Clerical and Lay Delegates, as required in the fifth Article of the Constitution, shall have reported to the Convention, the Secretary shall first call the names of the Lay Delegates from each parish, and if it shall be declared to the Convention that any Delegates have resigned or are unable to attend, he shall then call for the Substitutes in their order, to fill such vacancies, and whenever, during any Convention, any member of the representation of any parish shall retire and another take his place, the fact of such change shall be made known to the Secretary and by him be entered on the record and announced to the Convention, before such claimant shall be entitled to a vote or seat in it.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

CHURCH.

Baptisms—Adults, ; Infants, ; Total. . Confirmations, . Communicants,—added, ; died and removed, ; present number, . Sunday Schools,—Teachers, ; Scholars, . Marriages, . Burials, . Missionary and Charitable contributions, $.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church,

IN THE DIOCESE OF RHODE-ISLAND,

HELD IN GRACE CHURCH, PROVIDENCE,

TUESDAY 8TH, AND WEDNESDAY 9TH JUNE, 1858.

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GRACE CHURCH, PROVIDENCE,
JUNE 8TH, 1858.

The Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Rhode Island, assembled this morning in Grace Church, Providence.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Wm. Stow, and the ante-communion service by the Bishop. The Bishop then delivered his triennial charge. The Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Crane and the Rev. Messrs. Hathaway and Stow.

After Divine Service the Bishop took the Chair, and called the Convention to order.

The Rev. E. W. Maxcy, Jr., was elected Secretary pro tem.

A list of the Clergy was presented to the Secretary by the Bishop, and the usual Certificates by the Lay Delegates.

The following Committee on the Testimonials of Clerical and Lay Delegates was appointed by the Bishop.

Rev. B. P. Talbot,	G. S. Wardwell,
Rev. A. B. Flanders,	G. L. Cooke.

On motion of Rev. Mr. Hathaway, visiting clergymen from other Dioceses, and candidates for orders, who might be present, were invited to honorary seats in the Convention. Of such there were present the Rev. Mr. Cowell of Maine, and the Rev. Messrs. Drown, Perry and Vail, of Massachusetts.

The Convention then adjourned to meet in the Chapel at 4 o'clock.

Tuesday afternoon, 4 o'clock.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

The Committee on Testimonials of Clerical and Lay Delegates reported the following Clergymen as entitled to membership, and *the right to vote.*

*Rev. *George Anthony*,	Rev. Daniel Henshaw,
" B. B. Babbitt,	" Daniel Leach,
" *L. W. Bancroft*,	" E. W. Maxcy, Jr.
" D. R. Brewer,	" A. G. Mercer,
" *James H. Carpenter*,	" Wm. H. Mills,
" *Geo. W. Chevers*,	" Dexter Potter,
" Silas A. Crane, D. D.	" Geo. Taft,

*Those whose names are in Italics, were not present.

Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D. Rev. B. P. Talbot,
" L. R. Dickinson, " *F. J. Warner*,
" A. B. Flanders, " Henry Waterman,
" D. L. B. Goodwin, " *Hobart Williams*,
" Geo. W. Hathaway,

The following Clergymen were reported as entitled to seats but *not to the right to vote.*

Rev. W. Colvin Brown, Rev. Arthur Mason,
" *Lemuel Burge*, " *Eli W. Stokes*,
" Benj. H. Chase, " Wm. Stow,
" Wm C. Leverett, " Elisha F. Watson.

The following list of Lay Delegates and Substitutes, was reported as duly elected by their respective parishes.

PLACES AND CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	SUBSTITUTES.
	PROVIDENCE COUNTY.	
Providence, St. John's,	*Robert H. Ives*,	*William Goddard*,
	Alex. Duncan,	*Seth Adams, Jr.*,
	E. W. Howard,	Amasa Paine,
	R. M. Larned.	S. S. Bucklin.
Grace,	Edward Walcott,	*Robert Manton*,
	Edward A. Greene,	Wm. Grosvenor,
	Wm. Hicks,	*Jas. Lewis Pearce*,
	John B. Anthony.	*John C. Remington.*
St. Stephen's,	*A. H Okie, M. D.*,	*Gideon Gurnett*,
	Wm. Binney,	*Wm. Field*,
	Ezra D. Fogg,	*C. E. Whitaker*,
	Resolved Waterman.	*Wm. Burroughs.*
St. Andrew's.	*P. Fenner*,	*Geo. Lincoln*,
	Edward C. Franklin,	*Geo. Greene*,
	O E. Greene,	*Frank Holden*,
	Thomas E Hudson.	*Fred. Barker.*
Church of the Messiah,	*Edward A Haile*,	*Hiram Huse*,
	Charles J. Stratford,	*Lloyd A. Waite*,
	Joseph H. Saunders,	*Wm. A. Arnold*,
	Luther A. Lewis.	*Eli Messinger.*

PLACES AND CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	SUBSTITUTES.
	PROVIDENCE COUNTY.	
N. Providence.	Samuel H. Vincent,	*Nathaniel Lewin,*
St. Paul's,	Joseph T. Greene,	*Thos. K. King,*
	Nathaniel Fairbrother	*Thos. R. Dix,*
	Joseph P. Clifford.	Gideon L. Spencer.
Woonsocket.	Geo. S. Wardwell,	*A. J. Barney,*
St. James's,	*Wm. Booth, Jr.,*	*J. B. Walker,*
	Samuel Greene,	*Charles Sayles,*
	Eli Pond.	*G. A. Wright.*
Manville.	*W. A. J. Wilkinson,*	*Wm. C. Burlingame.*
Emanuel,	*Wm. H. Waterman,*	*Wm. H. Beebe,*
	D. Hale,	*Wm. A. Colwell,*
	J. Burton.	*Wm. A. Weeden.*
Greenville.	*Nathan B. Sprague,*	John S. Sprague,
St. Thomas's,	*Anthony Steere,*	Harris Evans,
	Thomas Barnes,	*James Sykes,*
	Howard N. King.	*Wm. Clegg.*
Lonsdale.	Baylies Bourne,	*Joseph Turner,*
Christ,	*Geo. Kilbourne,*	*James Gildard,*
	Geo. A. Kent,	*Stephen N. Bourne,*
	P. James Congdon.	*John Kilburn.*
Johnston.	E. M. Winsor,	*E. O. Angell,*
St. Peter's,	P. F. Brown,	*Moses Randall,*
	Sterry Sweet,	*Emory P. Smith,*
	E. A. Angell.	*John Trainer.*
	BRISTOL COUNTY.	
Bristol.	Benj. Hall,	*Wm. Fales,*
St. Michael's,	Jas. De W. Perry,	*Jonathan D. Waldron.*
	Thos. J. Usher,	*L. C. Richmond,*
	Geo. Usher.	*Robert S. Andrews.*
Warren.	Geo. Lewis Cooke,	*Wm. H. Turner,*
St. Mark's,	Jas. Gardner,	*Chas. T. Child,*
	Geo. Wheaton,	*Haile Collins,*
	Elbridge G. Wheaton.	Wm. H. Collins.
	NEWPORT COUNTY.	
Newport.	Duncan C. Pell,	*Thos. R. Hunter,*
Trinity,	Marshall C. Slocum,	*John H. Cozzens,*
	Moses Norman,	*Geo. Hall,*
	Wm. S. Wetmore.	*John L. Barker.*

PLACES AND CHURCHES	DELEGATES.	SUBSTITUTES.
	NEWPORT COUNTY.	
Zion,	*Wm. Rider,*	*Micah W. Spencer,*
	Wm. C. Cozzens,	*Geo. Cozzens,*
	Charles H. Mumford,	*Geo. A. Richmond,*
	Samuel B. Vernon.	*Wm. Cornell.*
Emanuel,	*Philip Armstrong,*	*John Millington,*
	Wm. Eddy,	*Philip Marchington,*
	Joseph Armstrong,	*James Mills,*
	A. Chamberlaine.	*Geo. Burkinsham.*
Portsmouth.	John Burrington,	*Stephen Thomas,*
St. Paul's,	Charles Emery,	*John G. Child,*
	H. H. Burrington,	*Wm. Barker,*
	Joseph Thomas.	*Thomas G. Potter.*
	WASHINGTON COUNTY.	
Westerly.	Lynden Taylor,	*Geo. D. Cross,*
Christ,	Rowse Babcock,	*Horace Babcock,*
	Edwin Babcock,	*H. N. Campbell.*
	Edwin R. Brown,	*James M. Cross.*
Wickford.	*James Eldred,*	Owen Vaughn,
St. Paul's,	J. J. Reynolds,	*B. P. Bates,*
	Gideon Freeborn,	*A. M. Thomas,*
	Geo. Hammond.	*Wm. A. Shaw,*
	KENT COUNTY.	
E. Greenwich.	*James B. Peirce,*	*D. Greene,*
St. Luke's,	*J. H. Eldridge,*	*S. S. Whitney,*
	Wm. Goddard,	*E. Stanhope,*
	Henry Fidler.	*S. Wickes.*
Portsmouth.	Albert Coggeshall,	*A. H. Esse,*
St. Mary's,	Christopher Shuman,	*Wm. H. Gifford,*
	John B. Gould,	*Wm. Bailey,*
	Robert Chase.	*Geo. De Bevis.*

The Report was accepted, and the Roll was called.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for a Secretary, and the Rev. E. W. Maxcy, Jr., was elected.

The Rules of Order were read.

The Rev. Mr. Waterman reported in behalf of the Committee appointed to publish the unpublished Journals of this Convention. On his motion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee be authorized and requested to have 500 copies of the unpublished journals of this Convention printed.

The Rev. Mr. Waterman and Mr. G. S. Wardwell, were appointed that Committee. At the request of the Committee the Bishop was subsequently added to their number.

The Bishop then delivered his Annual Address.

ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

I ask your attention to the following record of the duties which I have discharged in the Diocese since we last met together in Convention.

On Tuesday, the 11th of August, I preached at the re-openingof St. Michael's Church, Bristol, which during several weeks had been closed for the purpose of making extensive repairs and alterations. The interior has been entirely re-modelled, the position of the pews reversed, the arrangement of the chancel improved, and more room obtained by an addition in the rear of the building. Mural tablets have been placed in the church, with appropriate inscriptions, commemorative of Bishop Griswold, and the Rev. John Bristed, whose names are so intimately associated with the history of this ancient parish.

On the morning of the 11th Sunday after Trinity, I preached in Trinity Church, Newport, and admitted Mr. Wm. Cole Leverett to the Holy Order of Deacons. The candidate was presented by Rev. A. G. Mercer. In the afternoon, I preached in Emanuel Church, and baptized the infant child of the Rector. In the evening, I preached in Zion Church.

On the 12th Sunday after Trinity, I visited St. Peter's Church, Johnston, preached and confirmed five persons.

On Wednesday, September 30th, I admitted Mr. William Stow, late a minister of the Baptist denomination, to the Holy Order of Deacons, in Christ Church, Westerly. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. D. R. Brewer, and the candidate presented by the Rev. T. H. Vail.

On the 5th of February, I confirmed in private, a sick boy from St. Stephen's Church, Providence. He lingered but a short time on earth before his spirit, as we trust, passed through the portals of Paradise.

A neat Gothic Church has been erected in the village of Burrillville, in which I preached for the first time on the morning of the 5th Sunday in Lent. As yet no parish has been organized, but there is every reason to believe that we shall have a strong, efficient, and permanent church in this place. There is a very friendly feeling towards our Communion on the part of the people, and it is generally believed that the services of the Episcopal Church, will tend to elevate the intellectual and social, as well as the moral condition of the region.

On the afternoon of the same day, I preached in St. Thomas's Church, Greeneville, and confirmed eleven persons. The church was filled with a serious and attentive congregation. The prosperity of the church in both these places is attributable under God. to the patient, and indefatigable labors of our late Missionary, the Rev. Mr. Eames, who has thought it best, after many years of hard service amongst us, to seek the repose of a more quiet parochial life in another Diocese. In the heat and the cold, through roads blocked with snow, sometimes at the peril of his life, our Missionary has travelled his forty thousand miles on this circuit, as well known to all the dwellers by the highway as the mail carrier on his route ; his kindness and good offices felt and acknowledged by the whole population ; his sympathy on all occasions freely asked and as freely given, and thus old prejudices against the church have imperceptibly melted away ; intelligent persons, who had grown weary of the crudities and extravagancies to which they had been subjected, where they were accustomed to worship, and so had fallen into the habit of abstaining from public religious services altogether, have been gathered into our fold, and found there the spiritual nourishment which they needed. I could not allow our brother to leave the Diocese, without saying these just words in his praise. The Rev. Benj. H. Chase, from Wilkinsonville, Mass., has taken charge of St. Thomas's Church, Greeneville, and also of the Missionary station in Burrillville. We have reason to believe that he will carry on to a successful completion the work that has been so auspiciously begun in this place.

On Wednesday, in Easter week, I consecrated to the worship of Almighty God, Emanuel Church, Newport, in the presence of a large number of clergy and laity. This spacious and beautiful edifice, with its lofty spire, is now completed; furnished with every convenience for the orderly administration of public worship; every thing paid for, and all the seats made free forever to those who may desire to offer there the sacrifice of prayer and praise. The crowds which habitually throng this sanctuary, prove that there is no difficulty in bringing the masses of the people into sympathy with our Communion, if pains are taken to make the services impressive and interesting, and if the preaching is such as reaches their intellect and hearts. In the evening I confirmed thirty-four persons in this church, the sermon being preached by the Rev. Mr. Stow.

The next morning, April 8th, I preached and confirmed twenty-six in Trinity Church, Newport. Every thing in this parish indicates the highest prosperity, and the present accommodations are insufficient to meet the demands of those who wish to worship there. Various plans have been considered for remodelling the interior arrangements of this ancient edifice, enlarging it, or building a new church, either on the present site or elsewhere, leaving this venerable structure, with all its hallowed memories, to stand as a solemn monument of the past.

In the afternoon I again attended service in Emanuel Church, and addressed the children, after hearing them catechized by the Rector.

On the 2d Sunday after Easter, I preached in the Church of the Messiah, Olneyville, and confirmed two persons.

On the 3d Sunday after Easter, I preached in the morning in Christ Church, Lonsdale, and confirmed twenty-six. This parish maintains its vigor, notwithstanding the pecuniary reverses of the times, which have fallen with such crushing weight upon all our manufacturing towns and villages.

In the afternoon I preached in Emanuel Church, Manville, and confirmed seven. The Rector of this parish, in addition to his other labors, which are various and incessant, has established services in the neighboring village of Albion, with excellent promise of success. In dealing with a people who are altogether unfamiliar with our usages and doctrines, he has adopted the plan of holding a sort of colloquial exercise, when he encourages them to send in written questions, or to propose oral inquiries on the spot, on any matters relating to the Church, and these he answers immediately, according to his best ability. The very information

which is most needed may thus be communicated in a way that is sure to arrest the attention; and nothing could be devised more likely to popularize the Church.

In the evening I preached in St. James's Church, Woonsocket, and confirmed fifteen. Constant accessions are made to this parish, and all its temporal and spiritual interests are in a sound and healthy condition.

On Wednesday, April 28th, in St. Michael's Church, Bristol, I admitted the Rev. Wm. Stow to the Holy Order of Priests. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Thomas H. Vail. Mr. Stow has entered upon the Rectorship of this Church under the most happy auspices. Through the liberality of Mrs. French, a worthy communicant of St. Michael's, a valuable parsonage with a large lot of land directly in the rear of the Church, has been purchased and secured for the perpetual use of the Rector. Would that her noble example might be followed in many other places.

On the 4th Sunday after Easter, I preached in St. John's Church, Providence, and confirmed forty-five. The fact that this ancient Church continues to receive new recruits from without, is indicated by the singular circumstance that not less than nine different denominations were represented amongst those who presented themselves for confirmation. The Rev. Mr. Bancroft, assistant minister, has received leave of absence for six months, on account of his health; we trust that he may return to us at the expiration of this period, strengthened for the work in this city to which he seems so peculiarly adapted.

On the 5th Sunday after Easter, I preached in St. Mark's Church, Warren, and confirmed thirty-eight; twenty-five of whom were men. There is pressing need of larger accommodations in this Church; the demand for pews much exceeding the supply. A movement has just been made to establish a new parish in the adjoining town of Barrington; and before many months have passed, we may expect to see a vestry organized, a church erected, and the permanent services of a Rector secured. This will, in a measure, relieve the pressure upon St. Mark's; but still it will probably be necessary in a short time to enlarge that Church.

In the afternoon I confirmed twenty-three in St. Michael's Church, Bristol; and preached in the evening. I also visited the Sunday School, and addressed the children. Peace, harmony and prosperity dwell within these walls.

On the Sunday after Ascension, I confirmed seventy-seven in Grace Church, Providence; three of whom were from St. John's,

Twenty-five of those confirmed have recently come to us from other Christian denominations; and spacious as are our accommodations, it is now impossible to meet the demand for pews. Our new Chapel has been completed during the year, at a cost of $9000, furnishing seats for more than four hundred persons. We feel that the money has been well expended.

In the evening I preached in St. Paul's Church, North Providence, and confirmed thirty-three. The Church was crowded to its utmost capacity, and our venerable brother, who has so long had the pastoral charge of this congregation, and whose labors are still as abundant as ever, has not yet begun to see any diminution in the fruits of his faithful toil.

On Tuesday, May 18th, I preached at the Missionary Station, in Fiskeville, and confirmed four persons. Services are held in this place on every Sunday afternoon, and it is one of the places which we should be very sorry to see abandoned by the Church. We have here an intelligent and cultivated people, for whom there is no other suitable provision made but that furnished in our own Church, and by patient labor we may hope to see an organized parish established in Fiskeville.

In the evening I preached in St. Philip's Church, Crompton, and confirmed ten. The congregation has of late been much increased, and if we had the men and the means, we might labor to great advantage in several of the adjoining villages.

On Wednesday evening, May 19th, I preached in St Stephen's Church, Providence, and confirmed thirty; two of whom were from Grace Church, Providence. This parish was never in so excellent a condition as it is at present; the only thing which seems to be needed is a larger Church and a more favorable location.

On Whitsunday I preached in St. Andrew's Church, Providence, and confirmed eighteen; including two from St. Stephen's and two from Grace Church, Providence. The music was conducted by a double choir of boys, who, under the thorough instruction of their accomplished leader, give promise of reaching a high standard of excellence in this important branch of our worship.

On Wednesday, May 26th, I preached in the Church of the Ascension, Wakefield, and confirmed one person. This parish is now supplied by the Rev. John Reynolds, and efforts are in progress to secure the regular ministrations of the sanctuary.

In the evening I preached in St. Paul's, Wickford, and confirmed nineteen; the largest number that ever presented themselves for confirmation at one time in this Church.

On Trinity Sunday, I preached and confirmed six persons in St. Peter's Church, Johnston, making in all eleven during the year. In addition to his arduous labors in this parish, the Rev. Mr. Mills sustains the services of the Church at Dry Brook on every Sunday, and the time is probably not far distant, when his efforts will be rewarded by seeing an efficient Church organized in that missionary field. In the evening I preached in the Church of the Messiah, Olneyville, and confirmed three persons, in addition to those who received this ordinance a few weeks before.

On the morning of Tuesday, June 1st, I preached and confirmed one person in the Church of the Holy Cross, Middletown; in the afternoon I preached and confirmed twelve, in St. Mary's, S. Portsmouth, one of the candidates being from Trinity Church, Newport; and in the evening preached and confirmed nine, in St. Paul's, N. Portsmouth.

On the second of June, I preached in St. Matthew's Church, Jamestown; and in the evening in Zion Church, Newport. The Rev. Mr. Dickinson resigned the Rectorship of this Church at Easter, and is now supplying the place of the Rev. Mr. Bancroft, in St. John's Church, Providence. I am happy to state that the Rev. Wm. C. Brown of the Diocese of Massachusetts, has accepted an invitation to the Rectorship of Zion Church, and has already entered upon his duties.

On Thursday, June 3d, I preached in Christ Church, Westerly, and confirmed twelve persons. The Rev. Mr. Vail, whose long and useful service as a member of our Standing Committee, in the councils of our Missionary Convocation, and in various other relations in this Diocese, will cause his name to be long remembered amongst us, resigned the charge of this parish on the first of January; and his place is now very acceptably supplied by the Rev. Arthur Mason, late of the Diocese of Connecticut. I can state, with great pleasure, that notwithstanding the various changes which have occurred amongst us during the year, every parish in the Diocese is again supplied with a clergyman.

On the first Sunday after Trinity, at the request of the Bishop of Connecticut, I visited St. Paul's Church, Hartford, preached and confirmed nineteen. In the evening, I preached in Christ Church, Hartford, and confirmed twenty-seven.

The whole number confirmed during the year is five hundred and thirteen; in the Diocese, four hundred and sixty-seven, being more than double the average of former years.

One new Church has been consecrated; two candidates have been admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons, and one Deacon has been ordained Priest.

There are four candidates for Holy Orders in the Diocese; George Burgess Paine, who graduates from the General Seminary during the coming season; Andrew McKeown, late a Minister of the Methodist denomination, and who is now studying in the Berkeley Divinity School, at Middletown, Connecticut; William Henry Collins, and George B. Allen.

The following changes have been made in our list of Clergy: the Rev. A. Bush, (Deacon) has been transferred to the Diocese of Iowa; the Rev. James H. Eames, to the Diocese of New Hampshire; the Rev. Jos. Trapnell, Jr., to the Diocese of Iowa; and the Rev. Thomas H. Vail, to the Diocese of Massachusetts.

The Rev. Arthur Mason has been received from the Diocese of Connecticut; the Rev. Benj. H. Chase; and the Rev. W. Colvin Brown, from the Diocese of Massachusetts.

The Report of the Depository Board will show that what was considered a year ago as a somewhat doubtful experiment has resulted in a great enlargement of our operations. The convenience of such a central room as we have secured, the superior facilities afforded for procuring Church books and tracts, the readiness with which our Sunday School libraries may be supplied through this channel, seem to have been appreciated by the public, and we may now consider the Depository as established on a fixed foundation.

I commend to the attention of the Clergy and Laity, a general society which has been organized during the year, for the purpose of aiding worthy young men in straitened circumstances, who are desirous to prepare for the sacred ministry. This movement, if energetically carried through, will meet an obvious want in the Church, and I trust that this Diocese will give to it a fair proportion of patronage.

The Convocation have held six meetings during the year, viz: at N. Portsmouth, Bristol, Westerly, Woonsocket, Providence and Newport, at each of which I have been present and officiated. The attendance of the Clergy has, in every instance, been good, the congregations large, and the services more than usually interesting. A more efficient agency for enkindling missionary zeal in our parishes, and renewing religious feeling, could not be desired.

In reviewing the general results of our labors during the past year, we have every reason for encouragement, and for devout gratitude to Almighty God, that He has been pleased so liberally to bless our unworthy efforts. Without any variation from the established order of our Church, without the introduction of any new measures, without exciting appeal to the animal passions, but by simply working more efficiently the prescribed and familiar

order of the Church, we have added more than one-sixth to the number of our communicants since the last Convention. From almost every parish we hear that the attendance upon our services, both on Sundays and during the week, has never been so great, or the demeanor of the congregation more serious and devout. And now, Brethren beloved in the Lord, let us address ourselves to the work which lies before us, with renewed energy and zeal. God will continue to bless us if we continue faithful. The seed that is sown in weakness, He will raise in power. He only giveth the increase ; but the result is certain, when the culture is thorough and persistent. Remember that you are ambassadors for Christ ; work for Christ, not for yourselves. Let Christ be the Alpha and Omega of your preaching ; speak the words which the Holy Ghost teacheth. It may be that we shall not have to labor long here : let us so live and so labor, that whenever the Master calls us home, we may be able cheerfully to answer, "Lord, I am ready."

THOMAS M. CLARK,

Bishop of the Diocese of Rhode Island.

The Standing Committee reported as follows:

To the Annual Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island:

The Standing Committee of this Diocese, elected by the Convention held on the 9th and 10th days of June, 1857, met immediately after the adjournment of the Convention, on the 10th day of June, at the office of Alexander Duncan, Esq. All the members were present. The Committee was organized by the election of the Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D., President, and Edward Walcott, Secretary.

Aug. 10. A meeting of the Committee was held on the tenth day of August. Mr. Wm. Cole Leverett was recommended to the order of Deacons. Rev. Wm. Stow was recommended a candidate for Priests' Order, and his application was received as of date 22d of June. The requisite papers were signed and forwarded to Bishop Clark.

April 15. At a meeting of the Committee held at the residence of the President, April 15, Messrs. Wm. Henry Collins, and Andrew McKeown, were recommended candidates for the order of Deacons.

Testimonials were presented in favor of Rev. Wm. Stow, for the order of Priests. He was recommended a candidate for Priests' Order, the requisite papers signed, and forwarded to Bishop Clark.

June 8th, 1858. At a meeting of the Standing Committee, duly convened at the Chapel of Grace Church, Providence, on the eighth day of June, 1858, Mr. Geo. B. Allen was recommended a candidate for orders, his application received as of date May 18, 1858.

In the report of the Standing Committee presented to the Convention last year, it was stated that the Rev. Eli W. Stokes, residing in Monrovia, Western Africa, had been summoned to appear for trial on certain charges, for which he had been presented, and that the result would appear in the report of the present year. The trial which was originally fixed for the third Wednesday (the 20th) of May, preceding the last Convention, had been adjourned to Thursday, June 11, 1857, the day following the last Convention. On that day the Court was again in session, and the case was called. The evidence upon which the prosecution expected to sustain the charges, not having been received from Africa, and the accused also not appearing, the Presentment was abandoned, and the Court was dissolved without a trial.

Soon after the dissolution of the Court, letters and documents were received from Africa, from those at whose instance the original complaint was made; but the evidence transmitted was so imperfect, and in such a form, that it could not be used in a trial under our Diocesan Canons.

About the same time, (in July) the accused appeared, and waiving all technical rights, demanded a trial at as early a date as possible. Accordingly a new Complaint like the former was made, a new Presentment like the former was prepared, and a new Court was summoned to meet at the Chapel of St. John's Church, in Providence, on August the 5th, 1857, at 10 o'clock, A. M. At this trial, all the charges, with their specifications, were withdrawn, excepting the second, with its specifications, having reference to the Canonical obedience of the accused. Upon these specifications, certain facts charged therein being admitted by the accused, the trial proceeded, and the accused was found "guilty of a violation of the Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States," and sentenced to receive the penalty of "admonition."

The sentence was accompanied by a recommendation on the part of the Court, that it should be, because of palliating circumstances, the slightest private admonition. The Bishop approved the judgment of the Court, and in due time administered the sentence.

The result of this trial is in reality, very important, inasmuch as it settles by a judicial decision, the interpretation of our Canons,

in circumstances like those in this case, declares the accountability of all Clergymen of this Church in foreign missionary fields to the laws of the Church at home, and defines the present spiritual and Canonical jurisdiction of the Missionary Bishop at Cape Palmas, and parts adjacent, to cover not only all the Missionaries under his charge, but all the Clergy of the Church of the United States, resident or officiating in any of the countries of Western Africa, not included within the territorial jurisdiction of Bishops of the Church of England, or of Churches in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

The proceedings of the Court, aad the record of the trial, and of the evidence, are preserved for reference on the files of the Standing Committee. EDWARD WALCOTT,

Secretary.

The Depository Board reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE DEPOSITORY BOARD.

The affairs of the Depository have been carried on during the past year with a measure of success, which if it has not equalled *all* our hopes, is regarded as a favorable prognostic of the future. The Board is more and more satisfied that the change in the plan of conducting its operations, reported last year, was wisely made. Instead of being a neglected and almost invisible appendage of some bookseller's establishment, it has had since January 1857, an establishment and a local habitation of its own: and we are happy to say that the amount of its business has thus far been an increasing one. The sum total of sales for the last 12 momths, has risen to more than $1600. And the Board would here make mention of their indebtedness for these results, to the disinterested and watchful attentions of the Rev. Mr. Babbitt, and Mr. A. Paine, who as a sub-committee, have given to the management of the Depository, not a little of their time, and counsel, and labor.

We commence a new year with a stock on hand, valued at about $875. And in entering upon that year, the Board would renew its former appeal to all the Clergy and Laity in the Diocese, to bear in mind that we have such an institution as a "Depository," and to take some opportunity, if they have not already done so, of visiting the same at its rooms in South Main street.—They will find there a constant and moderately full supply of Bibles, Prayer Books, Sunday School Books and religious Tracts. We particularly desire to be remembered by all our pastors, and congregations, whenever undertaking to replenish their Parish or Sunday School libraries.

Among our Lay friends here present to-day, are there not some who might cheer the heart of their Rector, and encourage the labors of his Sunday School Teachers, and at the same time lend a welcome aid to the Depository, by taking with them on their return from this convention, some purchased volumes as a present to the Sunday School Library of their Parish?

The following Committees were appointed by the Bishop:

On Finance.

G. S. Wardwell, D. C. Pell, S. S. Bucklin.

On Unfinished Business.

Rev. G. W. Hathaway, R. H. Ives,
Rev. B. B. Babbitt, Jas. De W. Perry.

On the Application of New Parishes.

Rev. S. A. Crane, D. D., Rev. W. H. Mills,
Edwin Babcock.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board for Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, was read, and referrerd to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. G. S. Wardwell, it was voted that the balance of the expenses incurred by an Eclesiastical Court held during the past year, be paid out of any unappropriated funds of the Convention.

On motion of Dr. Crocker, it was voted, that when the Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet to-morrow at 9 A. M.

On motion, Mr. Alexander Duncan was, at his own request, excused from further attendance on this Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORN, JUNE 9.

The Convention assembled in Grace Church, at 9 A. M. Morning prayer and the litany were read by the Rev. T. H. Vail, of Taunton, Mass.

After the devotional exercises, the members of the Convention retired to the chapel, where the chair was taken by the Bishop, and the Convention called to order.

The Roll was called, and the Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

The Treasurer of the Convention, (E. W. Howard,) rendered his Annual Report, which was accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Board of Missions then reported a follows :—

The Missionary Convocation begin their Annual Report, with the statement of a recent occurrence, which has occasioned them unfeigned sorrow. Their Missionary who has been longest in the field, has resigned the charge which for some years past, he has held with very great acceptance to the people among whom he ministered, and with many tokens of Divine blessing. The greater part of his ministry has been spent in doing missionary work in the destitute parts of this Diocese ; and many are the places within our borders, which show the blessed fruits of his faithful labours. We sincerely pray that our beloved brother will find in his new home, all that can be desired by the devotod minister of Christ.

Before leaving us, the General Missionary had the pleasure, (in which we all shared,) of opening for worship a new chapel in Burrillville. This chapel was one of the fruits of his own persevering personal exertions. The Rev. Benjamin H. Chase, recently of the Diocese of Massachusetss, now has charge of St. Thomas's Church, Greenville, and the Station in Burrillville.

St. Peter's Church, Johnston, is no longer aided directly by the Convocation. It is much to be regretted that the people of that parish, which has been so faithfully served, do not *generally* contribute with greater promptness and liberality to its temporal support. The Rector of St. Peter's has recently been appointed

missionary to Dry Brook, where a service is held every Sunday afternoon. Upon these occasions the school-house is filled by an attentive congregation, and there is a promise of much good being done here. A chapel is very much needed at this station. The services of our missionary in the valley of the Pawtuxet, have been attended by such fruits as afford us encouragement to press forward with the good work in that quarter.

The same may be said of Olneyville where the patient, self-denying labours of the Rector of the Church of the Messiah, are rewarded by an increasing congregation, and a large and interesting Sunday School.

The missionary in the "parts adjacent to Manville," continues his services in the village of Albion, and on the opposite side of the Blackstone, in Cumberland. He has found much to encourage him in this field. The services in Cumberland have been held (during the warm season) in the open air, there being no suitable building in which the congregation could assemble. The Sunday School at this place is regularly attended by a very large number of children, many of whom come from quite a distance.—It is gratifying to mention these encouragements, particularly when we remember the sad results to the church in Manville, proceeding from the great depression in the manufacturing interests of the neighborhood.

It affords us much pleasure also, to refer to the present condition of Emanuel Church, Newport, which was for a time, although not recently, a station of the convocation. The late annual meeting of Convocation was held at the time of the consecration of this commodious and beautiful church. There is a bright prospect before our brother, the Rector, and his warmly attached people.

It is also proper for us to mention that a very spirited movement, with a view to establishing the church permanently in that town, has recently been made in Barrington. It is seldom that a work of the kind is commenced with so many circumstances to afford assurance of its success.

There are a number of other places in the Diocese, where the church might be firmly planted, if we had the men and the means for the work.

Although we have no very *extraordinary* account to give of the *manifest* spiritual results of our work during the past year, still God has permitted us to see that his blessing has attended the labors of our worthy missionaries.

For a more particular account of what has been accomplished, we refer to the Address of the Bishop, and the reports of the several missionaries.

Quarterly business meetings have been held in St. Paul's Church Portsmouth; St. James', Woonsocket; Grace, Providence, ; and Emanuel, Newport. Special meetings were held in St. Michael's Church, Bristol, and in Christ Church, Westerly. As usual, there were religious services at all these meetings, under direction, of the several Rectors.

The amount of receipts has been $1538,23.
Expenditures, - - $1359,63.

The stations aided have been as follows: St. Peter's Johnston; valley of the Pawtuxet; Church of the Messiah, Olneyville; parts adjacent to Manville; Greenville and Burrillville; and St, Matthew's, Jamestown. A small appropriation was also made to Wakefield.

In closing their Annual Report, the Convocation would express their gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, for the favor with which He has regarded their work; and would beg the members of the Convention to offer their earnest prayers, that we may have such wisdom and zeal, that we may properly discharge the responsible duties which devolve upon us, as directors of the missionary work of the Diocese, and that the blessing of Almighty God may attend upon our labors.

For the Convocation,
D. HENSHAW, *Secretary.*

On motion, 500 copies of the Bishop's Charge, and 500 copies of the Journal of the Convention, were ordered to be printed.

Mr. G. S. Wardwell, in behalf of the Committee on Finance, reccommended the alteration of Canon VIII, so that the annual salary of the Bishop, shall be one thousand dollars, instead of five hundred. Whereupon, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Mercer, of Newport, the follow-resolution was presented:

Resolved, That Canon VIII, be so altered as to read as follows: "The annual salary of the Bishop of this Diocese, shall be one thousand dollars, which shall be assessed on the several parishes by the Finance Committee."

This resolution was unanimously adopted.

On motion of G. S. Wardwell, it was

Resolved, That one member be added to the Committee on Finance.

The resolution was adopted, and R. M. Larned was appointed.

E. W. Howard, was re-elected Treasurer.

The following persons were elected the Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	G. S. Wardwell,
" Geo. Taft,	Resolved Waterman,
" G. W. Hathaway,	Alexander Duncan,
" Henry Waterman,	Edward Walcott,.

The following were elected the

Board of Education.

Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	E. W. Howard,
" Geo. W. Hathaway,	G. S. Wardwell.

The following persons were elected the

Board of Sunday Schools.

Rev. D. Henshaw,	E. W. Howard,
" W. Stow,	R. M. Larned,

The following persons were elected the

Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes.

W. T. Dorrance,	Amasa Manton,
Alexander Duncan,	W. T. Grinnell.

The following persons were elected the

Board of Fund for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.

Alexander Duncan,	Resolved Waterman,
Wm. T. Grinnell,	Edward Walcott,

The report of the Committee on Finance, in reference to the expenses of Convention, with the appended resolution, was presented and accepted. (See Appendix.)

The following resolution was presented, and on motion adopted :

" *Whereas*, The published documents of this Convention, as containing the materials of the history of the Diocese, and important decisions on Canon Law, and ecclesiastical discipline, should be rendered more generally accessible to the public ;—

Resolved, That immediately after the publication of the journal of Convention, or other documents, printed by order of this body, the Secretary be instructed to send copies to the leading public Libraries of this country, care being taken in the selection, to embrace those most generally used by scholars and churchmen.

The following resolution was presented, and on motion adopted :

Whereas, A deed from the Rev. B. B. Babbitt, dated Aug. 16, 1855, conveying to this Corporation the property of the Church of the Messiah, Providence, does not define the amount of indebtedness, and has not been accepted by this Convention ; therefore,

Resolved, That the whole subject be referred to Wm. T. Grinnell, to examine, and report thereon at the present session of the Convention.

The following communication was received from the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, of the General Convention :

Philadelphia, April 30, 1858.

Right Rev. and Dear Sir :

It is made my duty by the 50th Canon of 1832, to give you, as " the Ecclesiastical Authority in the Diocese " of Rhode Island, " particular notice," that the following Amendments of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church were " proposed," at the Gen-

eral Convention of the same, held in the city of Philadelphia, in October of 1856. To wit:—instead of "Article III." as now in force, the following:

ARTICLE III.

Whenever General Conventions are held, the Bishops of this Church shall form a separate House, with the right to originate and propose acts for the concurrence of the House of Deputies, and all acts must pass both Houses.

And instead of "Article VI." the following:

ARTICLE VI.

The mode of trying Bishops shall be provided by the General Convention. The Court appointed for that purpose shall be composed of Bishops only. In every Diocese the mode of trying Presbyters and Deacons may be instituted by the Convention of the Diocese, but the General Convention may establish a Court of Appeals for the revision of the decision of Diocesan Courts. None but a Bishop shall pronounce sentence of admonition, suspension, or degradation from the Ministry, on any Clergyman, whether Bishop, Presbyter, or Deacon. Such Court of Appeals not to revise the determination of any question of fact.

I remain, Right Rev. and Dear Sir,
Very Respectfully, your Obed't Servant,
M. A. DE WOLFE HOWE,
Secretary of House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.
The Right Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese of Rhode Island.

On motion, the consideration of the foregoing Communication was postponed to the next Annual Convention.

On motion, the Secretary and Treasurer of this Convention were appointed a Committee for publishing the copies of the Charge and Journal already ordered.

On motion, a Committee of three was appointed to report at the next Convention, on the following resolution:

Resolved, That hereafter no Church be admitted into this Convention, unless said Church be either a free Church, or unless provision be made in its Charter, by which the pews *may* be taxed for the support of the Ministry.

The following persons were appointed members of that Committee:

Rev. Henry Waterman, G. L. Cooke,
Wm. Grosvenor.

On motion, the following resolution was approved, and lies over to the next Convention:

Resolved, That in Article X. of the Constitution, the words "a majority," be substituted for the words "two-thirds."

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to memorialize the Legislature of this State, in behalf of this Convention, for such an alteration in the Charter, as will allow a majority of the Standing Committee to constitute a quorum of that body, instead of two-thirds, as at present required.

The Standing Committee were, on motion, appointed that Committee.

The report of the Committee on Finance, in relation to the salary of the Bishop, with the accompanying resolution, was received and accepted. (See Appendix)

The following report of the Committee on the Deed of Property connected with the Church of the Messiah, was received and accepted.

To the Convention of P. E. Church, in Rhode Island:

The undersigned, a Committee appointed by the Convention to examine into the amount due to the Rev. Mr. Babbitt, on account of the erection of the building, and the purchase of the lot for the Church of the Messiah, Providence, begs leave respectfully to report:—

That he has taken as a basis, a report made to the Vestry of said Church, May 4, 1857, and after deducting the amount paid since that time upon the mortgage of the lot, finds that a sum of more than thirty-six hundred dollars is still due. That the Rev. Mr. Babbitt now relinquishes a further sum, so as to reduce the entire indebtedness to Three Thousand Dollars, and proposes to give a deed of the whole property to this Corporation, subject to the payment of the above amount, in three equal parts: the first in four years, the second in six years, and the third in seven years from this time, and upon the fulfillment of these conditions, the deed heretofore given by him, dated August 16th, 1855, shall be cancelled. The deed above referred to acknowledges no specific sum as due him, or any specific time for payment of the indebtedness, thereby rendering the property subject to any claim against him, or compelling the immediate payment of the amount, neither has it been accepted by this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. GRINNELL.

Providence, June 9, 1858.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Corporation hereby relinquish to the Rev. B. B. Babbitt, all their right, title and interest in, and unto the property of the Church of the Messiah, Providence, and that the Treasurer be authorized, and directed to execute a quit-claim deed, and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto.

Ordered, That $8 be paid to the Sexton of Grace Church, for his services in attendance on the Convention.

Ordered, That the next Annual Convention be held in St. John's Church, Providence, on the second Tuesday in June, 1859, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

The minutes of the entire proceedings of the Convention were then read by the Secretary.

After the usual devotional exercises, conducted by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned.

THOMAS M. CLARK, *President.*

E. W. Maxcy, Jr., *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

Parochial Reports.

PROVIDENCE COUNTY.

GRACE CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 35; Infants, 31; total 66. Confirmations, 78. Communicants,—425. Marriages, 14, Burials, 23. Sunday School,—Teachers, 40; Scholars, 275. Sunday Offerings, $1272. Other Contributions for missionary objects, $300. Total $1572.

In addition to the above, $1000 has been raised by a subscription, to finish the new chapel recently erected in the rear of the Church.

The demand for pews is larger than can be supplied, which is a sufficient indication of our temporal prosperity. The increase in the number of communicants shows that the element of spiritual life is not wanting.

THOMAS M. CLARK, *Rector.*

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 23; Infants, 18. Marriages, 10. Burials, 16. Confirmations, 48. The precise number of Communicants cannot be reported this year—perhaps 300. Sunday Schools,—morning, 361; noon, 150. Average attendance of morning, 190; of noon, 65; Teachers,—morning School 40; noon, 20; total 60. Contributions of the morning School for Domestic and Foreign Missions, $672,69; noon do. $77,35, whole amount $750,04.

From this amount should be deducted properly, $250, which a gentleman of the Church gives nominally through the school to Domestic Missions.

To this may be added $400, from the two schools towards the Free Church.

Miss Sarah Fish has in her school an average attendance of 37 children. They meet on Saturday, and are taught not only religious and moral truths; but the use of the needle. Including those under her supervision, our scholars are 570, with 60 Teachers.

The whole amount of contributions so far as I have ascertained is $4075 26.

A delay in collecting our annual gift to the Chinese Mission obliges me to omit what I trust will be no inconsiderable sum.—The salary of Miss Fish $300, is not included.

Our Contributions at Communion seasons are considerably lessened by a usage of the Church, which is never to make them at Christmas and Easter, and sometimes on other occasions. The past year they have amounted to $259.

N. B. Crocker, *Rector.*

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 16; Infants, 20; total, 36. Confirmed, 31; Communicants,—Added, 38; died or removed, 16; present number, 172; Marriages, 5; Funerals, 10. Sunday School,—Teachers, 22; Pupils, 160.

The Missionary and other charitable offerings of the Parish, have been more than $1500, being a considerable advance upon those of any previous year.

H. Waterman, *Rector.*

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Infants, 10; Adults, 7; total 17. Confirmations, 13. Communicants,—added, 31; died and removed, 10; present number, 93. Marriages, 2. Burials, 27. Sunday School,—Teachers, 12; Scholars, 90. Communion alms and special offerings, $380. Sunday offerings, $170. Total offerings, $550. Appropriations:—Sunday School, $25; The Poor, $44; Domestic Missions, $30 38; Foreign Missions, $24 39; Diocesan Missions, $80; Indian Missions in Minnesota, $14 13; Nashotah, $36; Widows and Orphans Fund, $16 86; Font, $60; other charitable and parochial purposes, $219 24.

Daniel Henshaw, *Rector.*

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Infants, 15; Adults, 2; total 17. Confirmations 5. Communicants—added, 12; died, 1; removed 9; present number, 18. Marriages, 8. Burials, 12. Sunday School Teachers, 18. Scholars, 225. Communion alms, $22 04.

The chief point of interest in the Parish is the large Sunday School. Through this means we have obtained a wide influence in this community, and expect by its aid to do much more in the future. Thanks for this to our Superintendent.

The failures of the past year fell with crushing weight upon this station. The evil was, however, overruled for good to us. The congregations have continued steadily to increase in numbers and interest in the Church. The Confirmations the past year were of such a character as to give us encouragement for the future.

There has been a very noticeable improvement in the effect of the preached word, and a very encouraging earnestness in the attention of the people on the Lord's Day. Though the fruit is not yet, still the promise is good for the time to come.

The hope of the Missionary and Rector of this Parish is, that the debt due him from the Church may be so reduced to shape, as that it may be met by the Parish themselves in the course of several years to come. Still he can but feel that the Church generally has not shown that sympathy with him in the work he has undertaken, which the cause demanded. Unless something is done with vigor at our factory centers for the evangelization of the factory classes in Rhode Island, the result will be fatal to the morals and the evangelization of the State. Those who have not mingled with the factory help in their houses, or sat with them at their tables, or sympathized with them in their troubles, their sorrows or their joys, have no idea of the actual state of things. Would God the Churchmen of the State were only more alive to the necessities of the case.

The present Rector has done more than he should have been allowed to do alone, but already, in the handful gathered, in the progress of their spiritual growth and in the promise of the future he feels fully repaid. God grant him the much needed helpers in the work.

BENJAMIN B. BABBITT, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NORTH PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 17; Infants, 15; total, 32. Confirmed, 33. Communicants, about 245. Sunday School,—Teachers, 18;

Scholars, 150; Average attendance, 100. Marriages, 26. Funerals, 75. Contributions for Missions,—for Diocesan Missions, $60; for Foreign Missions, $13 49; for Domestic Missions, $14. Contributions for the Society for the Relief of Superannuated Clergymen, and for the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, $13 83. Sunday Offerings, $162 28.

GEORGE TAFT, *Rector.*

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, WOONSOCKET.

Baptisms,—Adults, 9; Infants, 22; total, 31. Confirmations, 15. Communicants,—added, 27; died and removed, 7; present number, 147. Marriages, 14. Burials, 16. Families, 130. Sunday School,—Teachers, 20; Scholars, 150. Monthly collections for Missions have amounted to $61 90. Widows and Orphans of Clergy, $7 16. Sewing Circle, $50. Communion alms and contributions for other charitable purposes, $76 05; total $195 11.

In addition to the number of Confirmations reported above, there are now several other persons ready and desirous to be confirmed.

Our Church lot has been finely graded, and is now being surrounded with a suitable fence. When these improvements are completed, we shall have a large and beautiful enclosure.

B. P. TALBOT, *Rector.*

EMANUEL CHURCH, MANVILLE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 4; Infants, 6; total, 10. Confirmations, 7. Communicants,—added, 5; removed, 12; present nnmber, 32. Sunday Schools,—Teachers, 7; Scholars, 35. Marriages, 2. Burials, 6. Sunday School Offerings, $3 33. Widows and Orphans Fund, $2 38. Ladies Sewing Circle, $20. Communion Alms, $36 57; total, 62 28.

For remarks, see "The Deserted Village."

F. J. WARNER, *Rector.*

CHRIST CHURCH, LONSDALE.

The last year has been marked by discouragements. The business depression caused a long suspension of the Mills, and many consequent removals, which, with other adverse influences, have

seriously hindered our prosperity. It may be seen, however, from the following statistics, that we have not wholly failed of the blessings in which others have so largely shared.

Baptisms,—Adults, 5 ; Infants, 34 ; total, 39. Confirmations, 26. Communicants,—added, 33 ; removed, 23 ; present number, 140. Sunday School,—Teachers, 22 ; Scholars, 150. Marriages, 8. Funerals, 23. Missionary and charitable contributions, $207 74. Of which $64 were contributed by the Sabbath School at their last Christmas Festival. Of the 26 Confirmed, ten, 3 Teachers and 7 Scholars, were from the Sunday School.

George W. Hathaway, *Rector.*

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, JOHNSTON.

Baptisms,—Adults, 9 ; Infants, 12 ; total, 21. Confirmations, 11. Communicants,—added, 14 ; died, 1 ; present number, 54. Sunday School,—Teachers, 9 ; Scholars, 60. Marriages, 2. Burials, 9. Missionary and Charitable Contributions,—Domestic Missions, $8 ; Diocesan Missions, $50 ; for the Poor, $20 ; Communion Alms, $37 20 ; total, $115 20.

In April last, the Convocation appointed me as Missionary to Dry Brook, Johnston. Since that time, the Evening Service has been held there every Sunday. The School House, the place of holding the service, has been crowded to overflowing. The prospects for permanently establishing the Church are encouraging. A Sunday School has been commenced, numbering 40 Scholars and 7 Teachers. Our great want is a Chapel. But how to obtain the means to build one, is more than we can tell at present.

Wm. H. Mills, *Rector.*

BRISTOL COUNTY.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH BRISTOL.

Baptisms,—Adults, 9 ; Infants, 7 ; total, 16. Confirmations, 23. Communicants,—added, 23 ; died and removed, 6 ; present number, 287. Sunday School,—Teachers, 23 ; Scholars, 145. Marriages, 2. Burials 11. Missionary and Charitable Contributions, $605.

Through the liberality of Mrs. Lydia French, a lady whose benevolence is well known to the Church, the Parish of St. Michael's has just received the donation of a finely located and very convenient house for a Rectory. May the rich blessings of God

rest upon her in her declining years, and she be rewarded for her many noble benefactions, by witnessing the prosperity of the Church she so much loves.

WM. STOW, *Rector.*

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, WARREN.

Baptisms,—Adults, 15; Infants, 4; total 19. Confirmations, 38. Communicants,—added, 46; died and removed, 10; present number, 159. Sunday School,—Teachers, 20; Scholars, 133. Marriages, 2. Burials, 16. Missionary and Charitable Contributions, $366 84.

EATON W. MAXCY, JR., *Rector.*

NEWPORT COUNTY.

TRINITY CHURCH, NEWPORT.

Confirmations,—26 at Trinity, 4 at other Churches. Baptisms,—15 Adults; 10 Children. Added to Communion, 30. Money collected, $605, not including Communion offerings.

A. G. MERCER, *Rector.*

ZION CHURCH NEWPORT.

Baptisms,—Infants, 2. Marriages, 5. Burials, 7. Communicants, 141. Sunday School,—Teachers, 17; Scholars, 125.

This Parish has been without a Rector since Easter. The present Incumbent entered upon his duties the first Sunday in June.

W. COLVIN BROWN, *Rector.*

EMMANUEL CHURCH, NEWPORT.

Baptisms,—Adults, 11; Infants, 39; total, 50. Confirmations, 34. Communicants,—added, 30; died and removed, 10; present number, 103. Sunday School,—Teachers, 20; Scholars, 150. Marriages, 13. Burials, 23. Offerings, $1217 84; expended as follows:—for completing the Church building, $402 06; Sexton, Music, Fuel, &c., $362 18; Missionary objects, $53 60; Rector's salary, $400. The sum of $39 30 was also raised in the Sunday School.

The Church having been finished and freed from all debt, was consecrated to the worship of God on the 7th day of April last.

Our Sunday night services, during the past winter and spring, have attracted overflowing congregations.

We gratefully acknowledge all the mercies, both temporal and spiritual, with which we have been visited. The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we rejoice.

D. R. Brewer, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH.

Baptisms,—Adults, 5; Infants, 7; total 12. Confirmations, 9. Commmunicants,—added, 19; died and removed, 5; present number, 52. Sunday School,—Teachers, 7; Scholars, 25. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2. Missionary and Charitable Contributions, $40. In addition, a debt of $400 on the Church and Parsonage has been paid by the exertions of the ladies of the Sewing Circle, the Parsonage enlarged and repaired.

The Rector gratefully acknowledges the receipt of a new black silk gown, also very many tokens of affection and regard for him and his, from his Parishioners.

G. W. Chevers, *Rector.*

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH, AND HOLY CROSS CHAPEL, MIDDLETOWN.

Baptisms,—Adults, 5; Infants, 7; total, 12. Confirmed, 12. Communicants,—added, 13; removed, 2; present number, 62. Sunday School and Bible Class,—Teachers, 6; Scholars, 40. Marriages, 2. Missionary and Charitable Contributions, $53 47.

The Rev. Mr. Bush continued his services at the Chapel of Holy Cross till the beginning of winter.

H. Williams, *Missionary.*

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, JAMESTOWN.

Baptisms,—Infants, 1. Communicants,—added, 1; present number, 11. Marriages, 1. Burials, 3. Missionary and Charitable Contributions, $6; other objects, $12; total, $18.

George Anthony, *Deacon.*

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

CHRIST CHURCH, WESTERLY.

Baptisms,—Adults, 2; Infants, 14; total, 16. Confirmations, 12. Communicants,—added, 12; died, 1; removed, 26; present number, 158. Sunday School,—Teachers, 14; Scholars, 70. Marriages, 9. Burials, 2. Missionary and Charitable Contributions, $; Missions, $175; other charities, $125; total, $300.

ARTHUR MASON, *Minister.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WICKFORD.

Baptisms,—Adults, 12; Infants, 3; total, 15. Confirmed, 19. Communicants,—added, 19; died, 3; present number, 95. Marriages, 0. Burials, 8. Communion Alms, Missionary and other offerings, $190 33.

I cannot close this report without making due acknowledgment of my indebtedness to the Rev. J. H. Carpenter, of Narragansett, for his frequent and valuable assistance during the Lenten season. With a heart possessed of noble and manly virtues, warm in the cause of his Master, and ever ready to respond to a call of necessity, he has been to me oftentimes an invaluable helper, when providentially hindered in my official duties. For his many brotherly kindnesses, may God bless and reward him.

A. B. FLANDERS, *Rector.*

KENT COUNTY.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, EAST GREENWICH.

Baptisms.—1 Adult; 4 Infants; total, 5. Communicants,—died, 1; removed, 2; added, 2; present number, 66. Burials, 5. Sunday School numbers about 40 Scholars. Offerings of the Parish for Domestic and Foreign Missions, $25; and for Sunday School and other charitable purposes, $20.

The interior of the Church has been much improved in its appearance.

S. A. CRANE, *Rector.*

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, CROMPTON.

Communicants, 3; added, 10; total, 13. Communicants at Fiskville, 9; added, 4; total, 13. Confirmations,—at Cromp-

ton, 10; at Fiskville, 4. Baptized,—Adults, 3; Infants, 29. Married, 4. Buried, 11. Sunday Scholars, 40. Teachers, 3. Contributions,—for the support of the Missionary at Crompton, $100; the Episcopate, $1; General Missionary Society, $2.

The soil here, owing to local causes, is very hard to cultivate; but enough has been accomplished the past year to prove that this Parish is not beyond recovery from its present low condition.

D. Potter, *Rector.*

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Rhode Island:

The General Missionary would respectfully report that his labors the past year, up to Easter last, have been confined to the Parish of St. Thomas's Church, Greenville, and to the Station at Burrillville.

The following are the statistics of his official acts: Baptisms,—Adults, 11; Infants, 3; total, 14. Presented for Confirmation, 11. Burials, 6. Marriages, 6.

The connection of the Missionary with the St. Thomas's Parish and with the Station at Burrillville, ceased at Easter last, when Rev. B. H. Chase entered upon the duties of the above-named Parish and Station. May God bless his labors amongst those who had become so endeared to him who formerly labored among them.

Respectfully, J. H. Eames.

As successor of the Rev. J. H. Eames at Burrillville and Greenville, I would further report as follows:

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, GREENVILLE.

Communicants, present number, 40. Sunday School,—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 40. Charitable Contributions since the third Sunday after Easter, the date of the commencement of my Rectorship, $11 04. The condition of this Parish is believed to be steadily improving.

We have as yet no organized Church at Burrillville. The Chapel is yet in an unfinished state, though an arrangement has been made to complete it in the course of the Summer. The congregations are quite large, averaging fully an hundred. The Sunday School numbers 6 Teachers and 40 Scholars, and is increasing from Sunday to Sunday. There is reason to think this Mission will prove permanently successful.

B. H. Chase.

To the Rt. Rev. Thos. M. Clark, D. D.:

During the past conventional year, I have officiated on about seventy occasions of public worship, including a few times in other Dioceses; have administered and assisted in administering the Holy Communion nine times; have made visitations to the sick as occasions offered, and officiated at one funeral.

James H. Carpenter.

Narragansett, June 8, 1858.

To the Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, D. D.:

During the past year I have been occupied in the duties of Missionary of the "Church Missionary Union of Providence." These duties have been attending to the various wants of the poor, the sick and the unfortunate, in which most of my time has been spent, and in which, through the bounty of others, more than $700 have been distributed. I have also endeavored to promote the spiritual good of those to whom temporal aid has been extended, and have besides sought for those who have desired, or who have appeared to need, the counsel and friendship of a Minister of Christ. I have baptized fifteen children; officiated at seventeen funerals, and at four marriages. Occasionally, I have officiated on Sundays.

D. L. B. Goodwin.

Abstract of Parochial Reports, June, 1858.

PLACES.	CHURCHES.	RECTOR OR MINISTER.	BAPT'MS.			COMM'CTS,			Confirmations.	Marriages.	Burials.	S. S.		Sunday Offerings and Contributions for Religious purposes.
			Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Added.	Died and Removed	Present Number				Teachers.	Scholars.	
Providence,	Grace,	T. M. Clark, D. D.,	35	31	66	—	—	425	78	14	23	40	275	$2572 00
"	St. John's	N. B. Crocker, D. D., L. W. Bancroft,	23	18	41	—	—	300	48	10	16	60	570	4075 26
"	St. Stephen's,	H. Waterman,	16	20	36	38	16	172	31	5	10	22	160	1500 00
"	St. Andrew's,	D. Henshaw,	7	10	17	31	10	93	13	2	27	12	90	550 00
"	Messiah,	B. B. Babbitt,	2	15	17	12	10	18	5	8	12	18	225	22 04
North Providence,	St. Paul's,	Geo. Taft,	17	15	32	—	—	245	33	26	75	18	150	263 60
Woonsocket,	St. James's,	B. P. Talbot,	9	22	31	27	7	147	15	14	16	20	150	195 11
Manville,	Emanuel,	F. J. Warner,	4	6	10	5	12	32	7	2	6	7	35	62 28
Lonsdale,	Christ,	G. W. Hathaway,	5	34	39	33	23	140	26	8	23	22	150	207 74
Manton,	St. Peters,	W. H. Mills,	9	12	21	14	1	54	11	2	9	9	60	115 20
Bristol,	St. Michael's,	W. Stow,	9	7	16	23	6	287	23	2	11	23	145	605 00
Warren,	St. Mark's,	E. W. Maxcy, Jr.,	15	4	19	46	10	159	38	2	16	20	133	366 84
Newport,	Trinity,	A. G. Mercer,	15	10	25	30	—	—	30	—	—	—	—	605 00
"	Zion,	Wm. Colvin Brown,	—	2	2	—	—	141	—	5	7	17	125	
"	Emanuel,	D. K. Brewer,	11	39	50	30	10	103	34	13	23	20	150	1257 14
Portsmouth,	St. Paul's,	G. W. Chevers,	5	7	12	19	5	52	9	1	2	7	25	40 00
"	St. Mary's,	H. Williams,	5	7	12	13	2	62	12	2	—	6	40	53 47
Jamestown,	St. Matthew's,	Geo. Anthony,	—	1	1	1	—	11	—	1	3	—	—	18 00
Westerly,	Christ,	Arthur Mason,	2	14	16	12	27	158	12	9	2	14	70	300 00
Wickford,	St. Paul's,	A. B. Flanders,	12	3	15	19	3	95	19	—	8	—	—	190 33
East Greenwich,	St. Luke's,	S. A. Crane, D. D.,	1	4	5	2	3	66	—	—	5	—	40	45 00
Crompton,	St. Philip's,	D. Potter,	3	29	32	10	—	13	10	4	11	3	40	2 00
Fiskville,		" "	—	—	—	4	—	13	4	—	—	—	—	
General Missionary,		B. H. Chase.	11	3	14	11	—	40	11	6	6	11	80	11 04
			216	313	529	380	145	2826	469	136	311	349	2718	$13057 05

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON CURRENT EXPENSES.

The Committee on Finance report that the estimated expenses of this Convention are One Hundred and Seventy-Seven Dollars, which sum has been assessed as follows, viz:

St. John's Church,	Providence,		$25 00
Grace	"	"	25 00
St. Stephen's	"	"	13 00
St. Andrew's	"	"	3 00
Trinity	"	Newport,	21 00
Zion	"	"	11 00
Emmanuel,	"	"	1 00
St. Paul's	"	North Providence,	10 00
St. Michael's	"	Bristol	16 00
St. Mark's	"	Warren	10 00
Christ	"	Lonsdale	6 00
St. James's	"	Woonsocket	9 00
Christ	"	Westerly	9 00
St. Paul's	"	North Portsmouth	2 00
Emmanuel	"	Manville	2 00
St. Luke's	"	East Greenwich	2 00
St. Paul's	"	Wickford	2 00
Ascension	"	Wakefield	1 00
St. Peter's,	"	Johnston	1 00
St. Philip's	"	Crompton	1 00
St. Thomas's	"	Greenville	2 00
St. Mary's	"	South Portsmouth	2 00
Ch. of Holy Cross,	Middletown		2 00
Ch. of the Messiah,	Providence		1 00
			$177 00

The Committee recommend the following Resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the Delegates now pay their several assessments.

(Signed) GEORGE S. WARDWELL.
DUNCAN C. PELL,
S. S. BUCKLIN,
R. M. LARNED,
} *Committee.*

Providence, June 9, 1858.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON THE BISHOP'S SALARY.

The Committee of Finance have assessed the several Parishes in this Diocese, for the Salary of the Bishop, in accordance with the Eighth Canon, as follows, viz:

St. John's Church,	Providence,		$160 00
Grace "	"		160 00
St. Stephen's "	"		60 00
St. Andrew's "	"		10 00
Ch. of the Messiah,	"		3 00
Trinity Church,	Newport,		125 00
Zion "	"		75 00
Emmanuel "	"		20 00
St. Paul's "	North Providence,		60 00
St. Michael's "	Bristol,		80 00
St Mark's "	Warren,		60 00
Christ "	Lonsdale,		20 00
St. James's "	Woonsocket,		50 00
Christ "	Westerly,		50 00
St. Paul's "	Portsmouth,		8 00
St. Mary's "	"		10 00
Emmanuel "	Manville,		5 00
St. Luke's "	East Greenwich,		13 00
St. Paul's "	Wickford,		20 00
Ascension "	Wakefield		13 00
St. Peter's "	Johnston,		3 00
St. Philip's "	Crompton,		2 00
Ch. of Holy Cross	Middletown,		5 00
St. Matthew's Ch.	Jamestown,		2 00
St. Thomas's "	Greenville,		5 00
			$1024 00

The Committee recommend that the foregoing assessments be collected and paid to the Treasurer on or before the first day of August next.

(Signed) GEORGE S. WARDWELL,
DUNCAN C. PELL,
S. S. BUCKLIN,
R. M. LARNED,
} *Committee.*

Providence, June 9, 1857.

Dr. Convention Expenses (Diocese of R. I.,) in account with E. W. Howard, Tr. Cr.

1857.			
June 10.	To cash pd Lloyd Williams, Sexton Grace Church, Prov., for his services at Convention June 9th and 10th, 1857,	$8 00	
July 14.	To cash pd Rev. T. H. Vail for expenses of Ecclesiastical Court in trial of Rev. E. W. Stokes,	17 54	
Aug. 6.	To cash pd H. L. Tillinghast for printing Journal of Convention, with Constitution and Canons, 76 pages at $1.80 per page, $136.80; enveloping and mailing, $1—$137.80. Cash pd by Treasurer for postage on copies sent to Secretary's of Conventions, $1.50	139 30	
1858.			
Mch.	To cash pd Edward Walcott, Esq., for notices in trial of Rev. E. W. Stokes, copying presentment, postage, &c., as per bill,	17 38	
June 8.	To cash pd Rev. T. H. Vail's bill for expenses incurred in trial of Rev. E. W. Stokes, as per bill,	15 00	
" 9	By balance to new account,	88	
			$198 10

E. E.—E. W. HOWARD, *Tr.*
June 9, 1858.

1857.				
June 10.	By balance of last year's account,			$22 10
	By assessment of June 10, '57, of			
		Zion Church,	Newport,	11 00
	ditto	St. Andrew's,	Providence,	3 00
	ditto	Trinity,	Newport,	21 00
	ditto	Emanuel,	"	1 00
	ditto	St. Michael's,	Bristol,	16 00
	ditto	St. Mark's,	Warren,	10 00
	ditto	St. Paul's,	Pawtucket,	10 00
	ditto	Christ,	Lonsdale,	6 00
	ditto	Ch. of the Messiah,	Providence,	1 00
	ditto	St. James';	Woonsocket,	9 00
	ditto	Christ,	Westerly,	9 00
	ditto	St. Paul's,	N. Portsmouth,	2 00
	ditto	Emanuel,	Manville,	2 00
	ditto	St. Luke's,	E. Greenwich,	2 00
	ditto	St. Mary's,	S. Portsmouth,	2 00
	ditto	St. Peter's,	Johnston,	1 00
	ditto	Holy Cross Chapel,	Middletown,	2 00
June 19.	ditto	St. Stephen's,	Providence,	13 00
Aug. 19.	ditto	Grace,	"	25 00
	ditto	St. John's,	"	25 00
June,	ditto	St. Paul's,	Wickford,	2 00
June 8, '58	ditto	St. Philip's,	Crompton,	1 00
"	ditto	St. Thomas',	Greenville,	2 00
				$198 10

1858. June. Examined and found correct.

GEO. S. WARDWELL,
DUNCAN C. PELL,
S. S. BUCKLIN,
R. M. LARNED.
} *Committee on Finance.*

1858. June 9. By balance carried to new account, 88

Dr. *Bishop's Salary (Diocese of R. I.,) in account with E. W. Howard, Tr.* *Cr.*

1857.			
Sept. 2.	To cash paid Bishop Clark, quarter's salary to Sept. 1, 1857,	$125 00	
Dec. 5.	To cash paid Bishop Clark one quarter's salary to Dec. 1, 1857,	125 00	
Feb. 26.	To cash paid Bishop Clark one quarters salary to March 1, 1858,	125 00	
1858.			
Jan. 9.	To cash paid Bishop Clark on act. qr's. salary, to June 1, 1858, $28 00		
June 4.	To cash pd Bishop Clark in full for do. to do. 97 00	125 00	
June 8,	Balance to new account	48 15	
		$548 15	

1857.				
June 10.	By balance from last year's account,			$60 15
Aug. 10.	By Assess. June 9, '57, of	Grace Ch., Providence,		70 00
	ditto	"	St. John's Providence,	70 00
Sept. 21.	ditto	"	St. Mark's, Warren,	30 00
Oct. 31.	ditto	"	Christ Church, Westerly,	28 00
	ditto	"	St. Paul's, Pawtucket,	31 00
Dec. 21.	ditto	"	Trinity, Newport,	51 00
	ditto	"	Zion, Newport,	38 00
	ditto	"	St. Paul's, Wickford,	15 00
1858.				
Jan. 9.	ditto	"	St. James', Woonsocket,	28 00
April 7.	ditto	"	St Michael's, Bristol,	40 00
March 2.	ditto	"	Christ, Lonsdale,	15 00
April 22.	ditto	"	Emanuel, Newport,	2 00
9.	ditto	"	St. Matthew's, Jamestown,	2 00
May 1.	ditto	"	St. Peter's, Johnston,	2 00
	ditto	"	St. Andrew's, Providence,	5 00
June 4.	ditto	"	St. Stephen's, Providence,	28 00
June 8.	ditto	"	St. Philip's, Crompton,	1 00
	ditto	"	St. Mary's, Portsmouth,	5 00
	ditto	"	Ch of Holy Cross, Midd'n,	5 00
	ditto	"	St Paul's, Portsmouth,	5 00
	ditto	"	St. Luke's, E. Greenwich,	13 00
	ditto	"	Ch. of the Messiah, Prov.,	1 00
	ditto	"	St. Thomas', Greenville,	3 00
				$548 15

Assessments unpaid.

Ascension Church, Wakefield, $13 00
Emanuel " Manville, 5 00

E. E.—E. W. HOWARD, *Tr.*

Providence, June 9, 1858.

Examined and found correct.

GEO. S. WARDWELL,
DUNCAN C. PELL.
S. S. BUCKLIN,
R. M. LARNED,
} *Committee on Finance.*

Dr. Missionary Convocation (Diocese R. I.) in account with E. W. Howard, Treas. Cr.

1858.				1857.		
April 1.	To appropriation paid Rev. J. H. Eames, for one year's services to date, at St. Thomas' Church, Greenville,	$450 00		June 10.	By balance of last year's account,	$247 31
	To do. paid Rev. B. B. Babbitt for do at Church of Messiah, Providence,	250 00		1858. April 1.	By yrs. pledge to date, of Grace Ch. Providence,	250 00
	To do. paid Rev. W. H. Mills for do. at St. Peter's Church, Johnston,	150 00			" " St. John's Ch., Providence,	300 00
	To do. paid Rev. Dexter Potter for services at St. Philip's Church, Crompton,	300 00			" " St. Stephen's, Providence,	125 00
	To do. paid Rev. F. J. Warner for services at Emanuel Church, Manville,	100 00			" " St. Andrew's, Providence,	80 00
	To do. paid Rev. Wm. Stow for services at St Michael's Church, Bristol,	9 63			" " Ch of Messiah, Prov.,	50 00
	To do. paid Rev. Geo. Anthony for services at St. Matthew's Church, Jamestown,	100 00			" " Trinity, Newport,	76 50
					" " Emanuel, Newport,	10 00
					" " St. James Ch., Woonsocket,	60 00
					" " " " additional	10 42
					" " Christ Ch., Westerly,	80 00
					" " Christ Ch., Lonsdale,	60 00
					" " St. Peter's Ch., Johnston,	50 00
					" " St. Paul's, Ch., Pawtucket,	60 00
					" " St. Thomas', Greenville,	30 00
					By donation from St Mark's Church, Warren,	49 00
June 21,	To balance to new account,	178 60				
		$1,538 23				$1,538 23
				1858. June 9.	By balance to new account,	178 60

E. E.—E. W. HOWARD, *Treasurer.*

Dr. Funds for Dom. & For. Miss., from Diocese of R. I. in acct. with E. W. Howard, Tr. Cr.

1857.			
July 11.	To cash forwarded Tr. of Board of Dom. Miss. N. Y.,	$16 35	
	" "	80 00	
	" Tr. Board of Foreign Miss., N. Y.,	7 00	
	" Rev. H. W. Beers, Iowa,	125 00	
Nov.	" Tr. Board of For. Miss , N. Y.,	141 25	
Dec.	" Rev. H. W. Beers, Iowa,	125 00	
1858.			
Jan.	" Tr. Board of Dom. Miss., N. Y.,	381 01	
Feb.	" Tr. Board of For. Miss., N. Y.,	297 12	
Feb.	" Tr. Board of For. Miss., N. Y.,	204 93	
	Amount carried forward,		$1,377 66

1857.			
Dec.	GRACE CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.—Adv coll for D. M. $48 03. June 1, '58, for D. M. $57 67, Feb., '58, Epiph. coll. for F. M. $50 47; April 22, S S for Africa, $93 94; Infant S. S. for do $14 08.		$264 19
July.	ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.—Monthly coll. for D. M. $16 35; Sept. 12, recd. tow'd pl'dg of S. S. of $500 for yrs salary Rev. H. W. Beers, Iowa, $125 recd of Treas. S. S. toward do. $139; 2d pay'mt for do. $125; June, '58, 3d pay'mt of Treas of S. S. for Iowa, $117; Nov., '57, answer to special appeal of Dom. Board, $80; Dec., '57, advent coll. for D. M., of which $210 72 is for Ep. Miss. Ass., Phila., $217 72; July, '57, monthly coll. for Africa, $7; Nov., '57, answer to special appeal of For. Board $141 25; Jan., '58, Epiph. coll. for F. M. $225; Ladies' Philanthropic Soc. for education and support of Harriet Robeson, Africa $20; Morning S. S. for church at Hoffman Station, $137 63; colored S. S for do. $16 83; June, Ladies' Philanthropic Soc for Africa, of which $20 is for educating Anna C. Allen, an African child, $221.		1,588 78
Dec.	ST. LUKE'S, E. GREENWICH.—Adv. coll for D. M. $14; Jan., '58, Epiphany coll, for F M , $10,		24 00
Dec.	ST. ANDREW'S, PROVIDENCE —Adv. coll for D. M. $30 38; Feb., '58, Epiph. coll. for F. M , $24 35,		54 73
Dec.	ST. MARK'S, WARREN —Adv. coll for Dom. Miss. $30 13; Dec. 3, Epiph. coll. for F. M., $30 12		60 25
Dec.	CHRIST, LONSDALE.—Advent coll. for D. M., $11, for Iowa, $14; answer to special appeal of Dom. Board, $3; Epiph. coll. for F. M. $6, for Africa, $10		44 00
	Amount carried forward		$2,035 95

Dr. Funds for Dom. & For. Miss., from Diocese of R. I., in acct. with E. W. Howard, Tr. Cr.

1858.	Amount brought over,	$1,377 66
March,	To cash forwarded Rev. H. W. Beers, Iowa,	125 00
	" Treas. Board of Foreign Missions,	46 84
	" Treas. Board of Foreign Missions,	108 02
	" Treas. Board of Domestic Missions,	1 25
June,	" Treas. Board of Domestic Missions,	182 67
	" Treas. Board of Foreign Missions,	25 00
	per Rev. H. Waterman, Dom. Miss.,	151 07
	" Rev. H. Waterman, for Nashotah,	70 00
	" Treas. Board of F. M.,	221 00
June.	Balance to credit of new account, being $6 over payment of pledge St John's Ch. S. S., for Bishop Lee,	6 00
		$2,314 51

E E.—E. W. HOWARD, *Tr.*
Providence, June, 1858.

1857.	Amount brought forward,	$2,035 95
Jan., 1858.	St. Paul's, Pawtucket.—Adv. coll. for D. M. $11 75; Samuel Slater S. S. class for do. $2 25; Oct., '57, little Mary for For. Miss., $1; April, '58, Epiph. coll. for F. M., $12 49.	27 49
Sept., 1857	St. Mary's, Middletown —For F. M.	5 00
	St. Stephen's, Providence —Adv coll. D M., $151 07; June, '58, for F. M. $25, for Nashotah $70	246 07
		$2,314 51

Dr. *Charitable Fund in account with Wm. T. Grinnell, Treasurer.* *Cr.*

1858.				
May.	To cash paid postage,			40
June 8.	Amount to new account,			3,955 58
				$3,955 98

Parishes that have not contributed during the past year.

Ascension Church, Wakefield,
St. Philip's, Crompton

The above account has been examined by the undersigned, compared with the vouchers, and found correct.

GEO. S WARDWELL,
DUNCAN C PELL,
S. S. BUCKLIN,
R. M LARNED,
Committee on Finance.

Providence, June 9, 1858.

1857.				
	By balance of old account brought forward,			$3,393 22
June 29.	" this amt. coll. in Zion Ch., Newport, 1857,			13 00
1858.				
Jan. 10.	" " " interest from Savings Bank,			169 38
	" " " ex. dividend " "			28 23
	" " " collection in Christ Ch., Westerly, 1858,			10 00
April 13.	" " " " Emanuel, Newport		"	11 00
May 14.	" " " " St. James's, Woon'ket,		"	7 16
May 19.	" " " " Emanuel, Manville,		"	2 38
May 25.	" " " " St. John's, Providence		"	100 00
	" " " " St. Thomas's, Greene'le		"	5 00
	" " " " Zion, Newport,		"	9 22
May 28.	" " " " Grace, Providence,		"	39 64
May 31.	" " " " St. Stephen's, Prov.,		"	71 50
June 1.	" " " " St. Matthew's, James'n		"	2 00
June 2.	" " " " St. Mark's, Warren,		"	14 03
	" " " " St. Andrew's, Prov.,		"	16 86
June 7.	" " " " St. Paul's, N. Prov.,		"	13 83
June 8.	" " " " Christ Ch., Lonsdale,		"	12 07
	" " " " St. Peter's, Johnston,		"	3 00
	" " " " St. Michael's, Bristol,		"	16 71
	" " " " Trinity, Newport,		"	1 00
	" " " " St. Paul's, Portsmouth,		"	4 50
	" " " " St. Paul's, Wickford,		"	5 00
	" " " " St. Luke's, E. Green'ch,		"	2 25
	" " " " St. Mary's, Portsmouth,		"	2 00
	" " " " Chap. Holy Cross, Midd'n		"	2 00
	" " " " Ch. of Messiah, Prov.,		"	1 00
				$3,955 98
1858.				
June 8.	By balance from old acount,			$3,955 58

E. E.—W. T. GRINNELL, *Treas.*

LIST OF CLERGY

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church,

IN THE

DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND,

1858.

Rt. Rev. THOMAS M. CLARK, D. D,
Bishop and Rector of Grace Church, Prov

Rev. GEO. ANTHONY, (Deacon,)
St. Matthew's Church, Jamestown.

Rev. BENJ. B. BABBITT,
Rector of the Church of the Messiah, Prov.

Rev. L. W. BANCROFT,
Assistant, St. John's, Providence.

Rev. D. R. BREWER,
Rector of Emmanuel Church, Newport.

Rev. WM. COLVIN BROWN,
Rector of Zion Church, Newport.

Rev. LEMUEL BURGE,
Residing in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rev. JAMES H. CARPENTER,
Residing at Kingstown.

Rev. BENJ. H. CHASE,
Rector of St. Thomas's Church, Greenville, and Missionary at Large.

Rev. GEORGE W. CHEVERS,
Rector of St. Paul's Church, Portsmouth.

Rev. SILAS A. CRANE, D. D.,
Rector of St. Luke's Ch., E. Greenwich.

Rev. NATHAN B. CROCKER, D. D.,
Rector of St. John's Church, Providence.

Rev. LEGH R. DICKINSON,
Assistant, St. John's, Providence

Rev. A. B. FLANDERS,
Rector of St. Paul's Ch., N. Kingston.

Rev. D. L. B. GOODWIN,
Missionary of the Church Union, Prov.

Rev. GEO. W. HATHAWAY,
Rector of Christ Church, Lonsdale.

Rev. DANIEL HENSHAW,
Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Prov.

Rev. DANIEL LEACH,
Residing in Providence.

Rev. WM. C. LEVERETT,
Residing in Newport.

Rev. ARTHUR MASON,
Rector of Christ Church, Westerly.

Rev. EATON W. MAXCY, JR.,
Rector of St. Mark's Church, Warren.

Rev. A. G. MERCER,
Rector of Trinity Church, Newport.

Rev. WM H. MILLS,
Rector of St. Peter's Church, Manton.

Rev. DEXTER POTTER,
Rector of St. Philip's Church, Crompton.

Rev. ELI W. STOKES,
Officiating in Monrovia, W. Africa.

Rev. WM. STOW,
Rector of St. Michael's Church, Bristol.

Rev. GEORGE TAFT,
Rector of St. Paul's Church, North Prov.

Rev. B. P. TALBOT,
Rector of St. James' Church, Woonsocket.

Rev. F. J. WARNER,
Rector of Emmanuel Church, Manville.

Rev. HENRY WATERMAN, D. D.
Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Prov.

Rev. ELISHA F. WATSON,
Residing at Tower Hill.

Rev. HOBART WILLIAMS,
Rector of St. Mary's Church, S. Portsmouth, and Missionary at Ch. of the Holy Cross, Middletown.

CANON X.

Of the Election of Lay Delegates.

Section 1. Any parish intending to be represented in this Convention, as provided for in the Fourth Article of the Constitution of the Diocese, shall choose its Delegates in a parish meeting, regularly called in conformity with the Charter and By-Laws of the parish; and in addition to the Delegates provided for in said Fourth Article, said parish shall, at the same meeting, choose four other persons to be called substitutes, who, in the order in which they are chosen, shall be entitled to fill the place of any delegate who may resign, or be unable to attend; and such delegates and substitutes shall continue in office until the next annual meeting of the parish; and also until new ones shall have been chosen to take their places.

FORM OF A CERTIFICATE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF LAY DELEGATES.

At a meeting of the parish of_____ Church, _____ regularly called, in conformity with the Charter and By-Laws, on the _____ day of _____ 185 , Messrs.

were appointed as Delegates from said Parish to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, to be held on the second Tuesday of June, 185 .

At the same meeting, the following persons were also appointed as substitutes:

Attest,

_____, *Warden.*

_____, *Parish Clerk.*

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

CHURCH.

Baptisms—Adults ; Infants ; Total. . Confirmations, . Communicants,—added, ; died and removed, ; present number, . Sunday Schools,—Teachers, ; Scholars, . Marriages, . Burials, . Missionary and Charitable contributions, $

RULES OF ORDER,

AND A

STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS,

OF THE

CONVENTION OF THE CHURCH,

IN THE DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND.

I. RULES OF ORDER.

1. When the President takes the chair no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the chair.

2. The members of the Convention shall sit in pews contiguous to one another—the delegates of each church occupying one pew.

3. No member shall absent himself from the Convention unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. All special committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

5. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not again be drawn into debate during the session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

6. When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise, and with due respect address

himself to the President, and confine himself strictly to the point in debate.

7. When two members chance to rise at the same time, the President shall determine to whom the preference shall be given; and all questions of order the President shall decide,—subject to an appeal to the Convention.

8. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

9. No motion shall be acted upon until seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

10. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private conversation to the interruption of the Convention.

11. Every member who is in the Convention when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the question, or excused by the President.

12. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to postpone, to amend, to divide or to commit.

13. A motion for amendment or postponement shall be considered as the previous question, and be decided before the original motion.

14. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

15. The yeas and nays shall be called and entered on the minutes, when required by one-fifth of the members present.

16. At the request of the President, or on motion, the Convention may resolve itself into a committee of the whole.

17. All elections, when required by two members, shall be by ballot.

18. All other questions shall be decided *viva voce*, or by hand vote, unless a ballot be called for by two members.

19. The sittings of the Convention shall be open to all persons who choose to attend, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

20. After the first day, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning at the opening of the Convention, and if necessary, corrected; and before the rising of the Convention, the whole proceedings of the session shall be read.

21. When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

22. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

23. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be read at the opening of every Convention, and shall be of force, unless repealed by a vote of the Convention.

II. STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS.

After the organization of the Convention as provided for by the Constitution, the following Order of Business shall be observed the first day of the session.

I. The business incident to the organization of the Convention, embracing the consideration of application of Churches or Parishes, for admission into union with the Convention; reports from special committees appointed at a preceding session of the Convention, &c.

II. Reading of the Bishop's Address.

III. Regular Annual Reports, in the following order:

1. Report from the Treasurer of the Convention.
2. Report from the Standing Committee.
3. Report from the Board of Missions.
4. Report from the Board of Education.
5. Report from the Board of Sunday Schools.
6 Report from the Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes.
7. Report from the Depository Board.
8. Report from the Board for Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen
9. Parochial Reports.

The following order of business shall be observed for the second day of the Convention:

I. Elections,—

1. Of Deputies to the General Convention.
2. Of Treasurer.
3. Of Standing Committee.
4. Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.
5. Board of Education.
6. Board of Sunday Schools.
7. Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes.
8. Board for the Relief of Widows and Orphans, &c.
9. Depository Board.
10 Miscellaneous.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church,

IN THE DIOCESE OF RHODE-ISLAND,

Held in St. John's Church, Providence,

TUESDAY 14TH, AND WEDNESDAY 15TH JUNE, 1859.

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St. John's Church, Providence,
June 14th, 1859.

The Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Rhode Island, assembled this morning in St. John's Church, Providence.

Morning Prayer, as far as the Creed, was read by the Rev. Mr. Wheeler, of the Diocese of Massachusetts, and the remaining portion by the Rev. R. H. Tuttle, Rector of St. Philip's Church, Crompton. The Ante-Communion service was read by the Bishop.

The Convention sermon was preached by the Rev. A. B. Flanders, Rector of St. Paul's Church, North Kingstown, from Nehemiah 4 : 19, and Second Corinthians 3 : 5.

The Holy Communion was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Wm. Stow, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Bristol, and the Rev. Messrs. Wheeler and Tuttle.

After Divine Service, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop.

A list of the Clergy was then presented by the Bishop, and the usual Certificates by the Lay Delegates.

The following Committee on the Testimonials of Clerical and Lay Delegates was appointed by the Chair.

Rev. B. P. Talbot,	G. L. Cooke,
Rev. W. H. Mills,	W. T. Grinnell.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Stow, visiting clergymen from other Dioceses, and candidates for orders, who might be present, were invited to honorary seats in the Convention. Of such there were present the Rev. Dr.s Vail and Wells, and the Rev. Messrs. Coolidge, Drown, Goodrich, Townsend and Wheeler, of the Diocese of Massachusetts; Rev. H. H. Reid of the Diocese of New Jersey; and Messrs. W. H. Collins and J. H. Gilliatt, of this Diocese.

The Convention then adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday afternoon, 4, *P. M.*

The Convention met according to adjournment.

The Committee on the Testimonials of Clerical and Lay Delegates reported as follows:

Clergymen entitled to membership and the *right to vote.*

*Rev. *George Anthony.*	Rev. *Wm. C. Leverett,*
" B. B. Babbitt,	" Arthur Mason,
" W. C. Brown,	" E. W. Maxcy, Jr.
" J. H. Carpenter,	" *A. G. Mercer,*
" B. H. Chase,	" W. H. Mills,
" G. W. Chevers,	" Wm. Stow,
" S. A. Crane, D. D.,	" Geo. Taft,
" N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	" B. P. Talbot,
" A. B. Flanders,	" F. J. Warner,
" D. L. B. Goodwin,	" Henry Waterman, D.D.
" Daniel Henshaw,	" Hobart Williams.
" D. Leach,	

Clergymen entitled to seats, but *not the right to vote.*

Rev. *L. W. Bancroft,*	Rev. R. H. Tuttle,
" Edward Cowley,	" *E. F. Watson,*
" *E. W. Stokes,*	" Charles Wingate.

*Those whose names are in Italics, were not present.

Lay Delegates and Substitutes, duly elected by their respective parishes.

PLACES AND CHURCHES	DELEGATES.	SUBSTITUTES.
	PROVIDENCE COUNTY.	
Providence, St. John's.	Robert H. Ives,	William Goddard,
	Alexander Duncan,	*Seth Adams*,
	R. M. Larned,	Amasa Paine,
	E. W. Howard.	*Frank Richmond.*
Grace.	Edward Walcott,	*William Hicks*,
	William T. Grinnell,	*John C. Burrington*,
	John B. Anthony,	*Edward A. Greene*,
	William Grosvenor.	*Robert Manton.*
St. Stephen's.	A. H. Okie, M. D.	*Gideon Gurnett*,
	William Binney,	*William Field*,
	E. D. Fogg,	*C. E. Whitaker*,
	Resolved Waterman,	*William Burrough.*
St. Andrew's.	John W. Angell,	*George T. Greene*,
	William Spencer,	*George H. Lincoln.*
	Sam'l P. Crins,	*Frank Holden*,
	James Tiffany.	*Oliver P. Greene.*
Church of the Messiah.	E. A. Hale,	*L. R. Lewis*,
	W. A. Arnold,	*Hiram Huse*,
	R. A. Robinson,	*Eli Messinger*,
	J. H. Saunders.	*E. H. Chappell.*
N. Providence, St. Paul's.	*Samuel H. Vinson*,	*Thomas R. Dix*,
	Jos. T. Greene,	Thomas K. King,
	Gideon L. Spencer,	*Nathaniel Lewin*,
	Frederick Merris.	*Stephen R. Bucklin.*
Woonsocket, St. James's.	Samuel Greene,	*D. A. Slocum*,
	Stephen N. Mason,	*George A. Wight*,
	Lyman A. Cooke,	*A. J. Varney*,
	P. W. Lippitt.	*William Booth, jr.*
Manville, Emanuel.	*Daniel Hale*,	*William A. Cole*,
	James Buxtone,	*Russell Handy*,
	W. W. Waterman,	Wm. C. Burlingame,
	Elias J. Heath.	*William A. Weeden.*

PLACES AND CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	SUBSTITUTES.
	PROVIDENCE COUNTY.	
Lonsdale, Christ.	Baylies Bourn,	*John Kilburn*,
	George Kilburn,	*William H. Beebee*,
	George A. Kent,	*W. A. J. Wilkinson*,
	James Geldard.	*Jeremiah O. Arnold*.
	BRISTOL COUNTY.	
Bristol, St. Michael's.	Benjamin Hall,	*William Fales*,
	James De W. Perry,	*Lemuel C. Richmond*,
	Georye F. Usher,	*Jonathan D. Waldron*,
	Thomas J. Usher.	*Robert S. Andrews*.
Warren, St. Mark's.	George L. Cooke,	*Charles T. Child*,
	James Gardner,	*Haile Collins*,
	George G. Hazzard,	George H. Brown,
	E. G. Wheaton.	William H. Turner.
	NEWPORT COUNTY.	
Newport, Trinity.	*Duncan C. Pell*,	*John D. Ogden*,
	Samuel Engs,	*John H. Cozzens*,
	Marshall Slocum,	*George Hall*,
	Thomas R. Hunter.	*James Burkhead*,
Zion.	*Willliam Rider*,	*William Cornell*,
	William C. Cozzens,	*Philip Rider*,
	William Card,	*William Mason*,
	M. W. Spencer.	*Benjamin J. Tilley*.
Emanuel.	William Eddy,	*James Pearson*,
	Philip Armstrong,	*George Berkinshaw*,
	Philip Marchington,	*John Edwards*,
	John Millington.	*John Pearson*.
Portsmouth, St. Paul's.	John Burrington,	*Stephen Thomas*,
	Joseph Thomas,	*John G. Childs*.
	William Barker,	*Thomas G. Potter*,
	H. H. Burrington.	*James Keith*.
Portsmouth. St. Mary's,	*Albert Coggeshall*,	*William H. Gifford*,
	John B. Gould,	*William Bayley*,
	Robert Chase,	*George DeBlois*,
	Christopher Sherman.	*Albert Essex*.

PLACES AND CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	SUBSTITUTES.
	WASHINGTON COUNTY.	
Westerly, Christ.	*Lyndon Taylor*,	George D. Cross,
	Rowse Babcock,	*H. N. Campbell*,
	Edwin Babcock,	*Horace Babcock*,
	E. R. Brown.	James M. Cross.
Wickford, St. Paul's.	*James Eldred*,	*Owen Vaughn*,
	J. J. Reynolds,	*R. P. Bates*,
	Gideon Freeborn,	*A. M. Thomas*,
	George Hammond.	*Wm. A. Shaw, M. D.*
	KENT COUNTY.	
E. Greenwich, St. Luke's.	*J. H. Eldredge, M.D.*	*S. S. Whiting*,
	William Goddard,	*James B. Pierce*,
	H. Fidler,	*E. Stanhope*,
	S. B. Wickes,	*James J. Tillinghast.*
Crompton, St. Philip's.	*James Slater*,	
	Richmond Walch.	

The Report was accepted, and the roll called.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for a secretary. Rev. E. W. Maxcy, jr. was unanimously re-elected.

The rules of order were then read by the secretary.

The Chair appointed the following committees:

On Finance:

R. H. Ives, G. L. Cooke,
W. T. Grinnell.

On Unfinished Business:

Rev. B. B. Babbitt, Stephen N. Mason,
Rev. F. J. Warner, Jas. De W. Perry.

On Application of New Parishes:

Rev. S. A. Crane, D. D., Rev. Wm. Stow,
Edwin Babcock.

The Rev. H. Waterman, D. D. reported in behalf of the committee appointed to publish the unpublished journals of this Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That one hundred copies be taken by this Convention, and the expense thereby incurred be paid out of the treasury of the Convention.

The committee on the application of new parishes reported in favor of the admission of St. John's Church, Barrington. The report was accepted, and the church received. The names of the delegates were called, and those who were present took their seats in Convention. The following list of delegates was received.

Henry Staples,	George W. Mowry,
James A. Smith,	**Geo. G. Snow.*

The Bishop then delivered his annual

ADDRESS.

I am called once more to report to the Convention my official acts performed during the past year.

On Sunday, June 13th, at the request of Bishop Alonzo Potter, I visited Honesdale, Pa., and confirmed seventeen persons at Grace Church. On the Wednesday following, I delivered an address before the students of St. James' College, in the Diocese

*Not present in Convention.

of Maryland. I also addressed the members of a Female Seminary, in Christ Church, Hartford, on the 25th of the month; and again performed the same duty on the 29th, before a similar institution in East Greenwich.

Wednesday and Thursday, July 14th and 15th, I attended the service of the Convocation, held in St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich; preached and confirmed five.

Sunday, Aug. 29th, preached in St. Michael's Church, Bristol, and confirmed two persons.

Sunday, Sept. 5th, preached in St. Peter's Church, Johnston, and confirmed two; and on the 29th of the same month, confirmed a sick person, privately, in Providence.

Wednesday Oct. 6th, attended the second quarterly meeting of the Convocation in St. Paul's Church, Wickford; preached and confirmed one person.

Wednesday, Oct. 20th, visited St. Mark's Church, Warren; preached and confirmed four.

On Wedneday Dec. 15th, I admitted Mr. Charles Wingate to the Holy Order of Deacons in Emanuel Church, Newport. He has continued to officiate in this Church from the date of his ordination, and will enter upon the Rectorship as soon as he receives Priest's Orders.

On the evening of Epiphany, I preached in St. Andrew's Church, Providence, and confirmed six.

A new parish has been organized in Barrington, and on Wednesday Jan. 12th, a commodious and beautiful Church was consecrated in the presence of a large congregation of Clergy and Laity.

The success of this enterprise is unparalleled in the history of the Diocese. It is but a little more than a year since the first movement was made, and already we have a substantial Church erected, filled with worshippers, nearly every pew rented, and the parish self-supporting. For aught that we can see, the same zeal

and energy expended upon other regions of the State, would produce similar results. This congregation asked for missionary aid only until they were ready to occupy their Church, and then they took the support of public worship into their own hands. How long will it be before other parishes, which have for years derived the larger part of their income from the Convocation, stand upon an independent footing?

On the Sunday before Easter, I preached in each of the three Churches in Newport, and confirmed thirteen in Trinity, sixteen in Emanuel Church, and twenty-three in Zion Church. I also attended the quarterly meeting of the Convocation in Easter week, held in Zion Church, Newport.

On the second Sunday after Easter, I confirmed twenty-seven in Grace Church, Providence; and in the evening preached and confirmed eleven in St. Paul's Church, North Providence.

Tuesday, May 10th.—Preached in Emanuel Church, Manville. Since the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Warner, the services have been continued in this parish, for the most part, by lay reading.—The village is fast recovering from its depressed condition, and I trust that the Church in this place may also soon return to its former strength.

Thursday, May 12th.—Preached in St. James's Church, Woonsocket, and confirmed sixteen.

On the third Sunday after Easter, I preached in St. John's, Providence, and confirmed eighteen. I have great pleasure in stating that the Rev. Mr. Coolidge, of Massachusetts, has consented to become the assistant Minister in this parish. In the evening, I preached in St. Andrew's, Providence, and confirmed nine; making in all fifteen confirmed during the year.

Tuesday, May 17th.—Preached at the missionary station in Fiskville, and in the evening at St. Philip's, Crompton. The Rev. Mr. Tuttle, from the Diocese of Connecticut, has taken the pastoral charge of these places.

Thursday, May 19th, I preached in Christ Church, Lonsdale, and confirmed ten. The Rev. Mr. Cowley has taken the Rectorship of this Church, vacated by the removal of the Rev. Mr. Hathaway to the diocese of New York.

On the fourth Sunday after Easter, I visited St. Michael's Church, Bristol, preached and confirmed three. The congregation are holding service for the present in a house of worship belonging to the Methodist Society, their Church having been consumed by fire during the past season. Measures are in progress for the erection of a large and beautiful structure of stone, the requisite funds having been already provided, and the services of an able architect secured. In the afternoon, I preached in St. John's Church, Barrington, and confirmed thirteen. The Rev. Mr. Warner has become the Rector of this Church. In the evening, preached and confirmed one person in St. Mark's, Warren, four having been confirmed at a previous visitation.

Tuesday, May 24th, preached in Christ Church, Westerly, and confirmed six.

May 25th, preached in the Church of the Ascension, Wakefield. The interior of this Church has been entirely re-modelled and greatly improved, mainly through the efforts of the ladies of the parish. I regret, however, to say that there is as yet no Rector; and Sunday after Sunday, this commodious Church, in the centre of a large and wealthy population, remains closed.

In the evening, preached in St. Paul's, North Kingstown, and confirmed three persons; making five confirmed during the year.

On the 26th, preached in St. Matthew's Church, Jamestown.—Although the services were held on a week-day afternoon, in a busy season of the year, the congregation numbered more than one-quarter of the whole population of the island.

Friday, the 27th, preached in St. Luke's, East Greenwich, and confirmed one person; making six confirmed since the last Con-

vention. Through the liberality of a single family worshipping in this Church during the summer months, a new organ of superior tone and quality has been provided for the parish.

On the fifth Sunday after Easter, preached in St. Peter's Church, Manton. This parish is now vacant, and no services have been held for several weeks. I trust that this state of things will not continue long. In the evening, preached in the Church of the Messiah, Olneyville, and confirmed fifteen. The Rev. Mr. Mills has removed from Manton, and taken charge of this Church. If there were no debt resting upon the parish it would become at once self-supporting.

Monday, May 30th, preached in St. Paul's, North Portsmouth, and confirmed one person.

Friday, June 3d, preached at the Missionary station in Burrillville. No parish has yet been organized in this place, although the attendance upon our service is good, and there is every prospect of success. It is hoped that we may soon be able to secure the services of a resident clergyman for this station.

In the evening, preached in St. Thomas's Church, Greenville, and confirmed eleven.

On the morning of Friday, June 10th, preached in the Church of the Holy Cross, Middletown, and in the afternoon preached in St. Mary's, South Portsmouth, and confirmed six.

On Monday, June 13th, preached in St. Stephen's, Providence, and confirmed eleven.

The whole number confirmed in the Diocese during the year is two hundred and thirty-six; one person has been ordained Deacon, and one new Church has been consecrated.

There are now seven candidates for Holy Orders in the Diocese: Wm. Henry Collins, John H. Gilliatt, Geo. B. Allen, Edward M. Gushee, Leander C. Manchester, Walter B. Noyes and J. P. Tustin.

Andrew McKeown, at his own request, has ceased to be a candidate for orders.

There was one name, reported on our list at the last Convention, that of Geo. Burgess Payne, which appears there no more; in a foreign land, among strangers, after a brief sickness, he was called away from earth to labor in a higher sphere. It is a mysterious Providence that has removed from us such a young man as he was, so unblemished, so full of energy and promise, so loving and so much loved, just on the verge of his public ministry; but we know that as the Lord has done it, it must be well. We therefore bow the head submissively, and say His will be done.

The following changes have been made in our list of clergy:—the Rev. D. R. Brewer, the Rev. Lemuel Burge, the Rev. Legh R. Dickinson, the Rev. George W. Hathaway, have been transferred to the Diocese of New-York; the Rev. Dexter Potter to the Diocese of Massachusetts. The Rev. E. Cowley has been received from the Diocese of Massachusetts; the Rev. R. H. Tuttle from the Diocese of Connecticut; and Mr. Charles Wingate was transferred to this Diocese from Massachusetts, as a candidate for Orders, before his ordination as Deacon.

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of our Board of Missions will show that nearly all the churches in the Diocese continue to contribute punctually and faithfully their respective quotas to the funds of the Convocation, and so, of course, the missionaries receive punctually the appropriations assigned to them.

But the time has come when we ought to enlarge our sphere of operations. There are several parishes now vacant which cannot be supplied unless they are aided by the Convocation; and there are new openings where our church is greatly needed, and would be cordially welcomed, if we were only ready to enter in and take possession. In a Diocese like this, where the population increases slowly, and the ground is already occupied to so great an extent

by our Church, we do not look for any very brilliant results in the way of external growth. In many of our villages we can only expect to hold our own; and to do this may require an expenditure of effort that in other regions of the country would be rewarded by a rapid increase of numbers.

And here I feel called upon to reiterate the opinion, more than once expressed to the Convention, that the policy which prevailed in former times, and still exists in many of our parishes, of depending upon subscriptions for the support of public worship, is a serious hindrance to our prosperity. If the pews were free to all who wish to occupy them, a clergyman might not be unwilling to throw himself upon the voluntary offerings of the people for his support; but under the system to which I refer, it is possible that the pews may all be owned by persons who do not attend upon our services, rented to the occupants at a high rate of interest upon the original cost, and so the actual worshippers may be obliged to exhaust their means in paying taxes to the pew owners to such a degree that there is nothing left for the salary of the minister. Or, again, the most eligible pews may be occupied year after year by persons of such an economical turn of mind as indisposes them to contribute anything for the support of the Church, to the exclusion of others, who would cheerfully contribute to sustain the preaching of the Gospel. There are other evils incident to this system, which are so obvious that they need no mention.

I am happy to state that in the city of Providence, more than fifty thousand dollars have recently been raised for church objects; and we hope in the course of another year that a free Church will be erected in the north part of the city; a new Church for the parish of St. Stephen's, and Grace Church completed according to the original plan. Alterations are also contemplated in St. John's Church, that will render it more convenient, and furnish more room for the congregation.

I again recommend to the attention of the Clergy and Laity the Society for the Increase of the Ministry, which has been recently established. Under the auspices of a most efficient agent, the Rev. Dr. J. L. Clarke, of Connecticut, it is now addressing itself in earnest to the good work which it has undertaken, and it is certainly fitted to meet a great want in the Church. The annual meeting of the Society is to be held in this city to-morrow evening; I would most affectionately urge upon you a cordial co-operation in its plans and labors.

I know of no other matters to which it is necessary to call your special attention in this address. In the general review of our condition as a Diocese, it would appear that we are making quiet and steady advance, not so much in the number of Clergy or of parishes, as in the consolidating and strengthening of the Churches already established. The average number of communicants to each parish is about one hundred and twenty, and there have been nearly a thousand persons confirmed since the last General Convention of the Church. Unbroken harmony continues to prevail throughout our borders. The unity of the spirit is kept in the bonds of peace. There is amongst us no disposition to narrow the comprehensive limits so wisely established in our Communion, and no tendency to get beyond those limits, on the right hand or on the left. It is a very rare thing to hear the Shibboleths of party even so much as mentioned in the Diocese. Thank God for that!

But we all need more of the unction of the Holy One, more of the spirit of Jesus. We ought to live nearer to our Master. This would give us such an impulse as we never had before. It would save us from the possibility of discord and strife. It would compel the multitude to come with us. The glory of the Lord would rise upon us.

THOMAS M. CLARK,

Bishop of the Diocese of Rhode Island.

By consent of the Convention, the Hon. Wilkins Updike addressed the Convention in relation to the litigated property at Tower Hill.

On motion, the following Committee was appointed on the subject, to report to-morrow morning, viz :

William Binney, Esq., Jas. De W. Perry.

The report of the Treasurer was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Standing Committee reported as follows :

To the Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island, at their Annual Meeting, June, 1859.

The Standing Committee, appointed at the June session, 1858, respectfully report, That their first meeting was held on the twenty-second day of June, 1858. All the members were present.

The Rev. Nathan B. Crocker, D. D. was elected President, and Edward Walcott, Secretary.

At this meeting was presented the evidence in relation to the election of Rev. Sullivan H. Weston, by the Convention of Texas, as Bishop of that Diocese, and the request of the standing committee for the approval and consent of this Committee to his consecration, which was granted and the documents signed and forwarded.

The canonical testimonials of the election of the Rev. Samuel Bowman, D. D., as assistant-bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, were presented and duly considered. Unanimous consent was given for his consecration, and testimonials signed and forwarded as requested.

The second meeting was held at the office of the Secretary, on the twenty-eighth of September, at which notice was received that A. McKeown had ceased to be a candidate for Orders in this Diocese, by his own request.

Edward Manning Gushee, Leander Cornelius Manchester, John H. Gilliatt, and Walter Barnard Noyes, were recommended candidates for Holy Orders in this Diocese, and Charles Wingate was received a candidate for Deacon's Orders in this Diocese.

The Rev. George W. Hathaway having removed from the Diocese, the Rev. S. A. Crane, D. D. was elected to fill the vacancy in this Committee, until the next annual Convention.

Communications were received from Bishop Payne to the Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, D. D., and the Rev. Nathan B. Crocker, D. D., and from Rev. S. D. Denison, Secretary of the General Board of Foreign Missions, requesting the transmission of the original or copies of papers in reference to the case of Eli W. Stokes. By vote of the Committee, the required documents were forwarded to Bishop Payne, through the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The third meeting was held on the first of February, at which meeting a communication was received from Bishop Clark, with the application of George Charles Tate, from the Diocese of Massachusetts, to be received a candidate for Orders in this Diocese. The testimonials presented were found to be informal, and were referred back to Bishop Clark.

The fourth meeting was held at the vestry of St. John's Church, on the fourteenth of June, 1859. The testimonials in favor of Rev. J. P. Tusten, formerly of the Baptist denomination, applying to be admitted a candidate for Orders in this Diocese, were received, and the same being satisfactory, he was admitted.

This Committee having been at the last meeting of this Convention, appointed a Committee to memorialize the Legislature of this State in behalf of this Convention, for such alteration in the charter as will allow a majority of the Standing Committee to constitute a quorum of that Body, instead of two-thirds as at present required, have attended to the duty assigned them, and beg leave respectfully to report :

An Act in amendment of an Act entitled "An Act to Incorporate certain persons by the name of the Rhode Island Episcopal Convention."

SECTION 1.—A majority of the Standing Committee shall be a quorum for the transaction of the business appertaining to said Committee.

SEC. 2.—So much of the act to which this act is in amendment, as is inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed.

Respectfully submitted, for the Committee,

EDWARD WALCOTT,

Secretary.

The Reports of the Committee on Finance, in relation to the Bishop's Salary, and Current Expenses of the Convention with the resolutions annexed, were read and adopted. (See Appendix.)

The Board of Missions then reported as follows :

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

In obedience to Canon I, the Board of Missions report to the Convention, that meetings of the Missionary Convocation have been held within the last year in St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich ; St. Paul's, North Kingstown ; Grace, Providence ; and Zion, Newport.

The stations to which the funds were appropriated, were Burrillville ; the Valley of the Pawtuxet ; Dry Brook ; Albion and Cumberland ; the Church of the Messiah, Providence, and St. John's Church, Barrington. The same, excepting St. John's, continue on the list. We have a favorable account to give of the condition of all of them, with the exception, perhaps, of Dry Brook, Albion and Cumberland, where (owing to the vacancy in the Rectorships of St. Peter's, Johnston, and Emanuel Church,

Manville,) there is now no regular service. During the time when services were held in these places, affairs presented a highly encouraging aspect. From Burrillville we have reports of increasing prosperity. We are very desirous of finding a suitable missionary to reside, as well as labor in that field. We doubt not that a similarly favorable report will be heard from the Valley of the Pawtuxet so soon as the missionary, who has just entered upon his charge, has been at work for a short time. The Church of the Messiah has never been in so flourishing a condition, as at the present time. At the late Annual Meeting of Convocation, the appropriation to that station was reduced to $200; and we were informed that, probably, no appropriation will be required next year.

St. John's, Barrington, although in its infancy, is already a vigorous parish. It asks no assistance from us this year.

The fact that fifteen candidates have, recently, been confirmed in the Church of the Messiah, and thirteen in St. John's, furnishes a good indication of their spiritual condition.

The Treasurer reports the receipts for the past year, as $1309 36; and the disbursements as $1463 03. It appears from this statement that the disbursements exceeded the receipts to the amount of $153 67. Had it not been that, owing to temporary vacancies in several of the missionary stations, a part of the money appropriated at the annual meeting last year was not called for, this excess would have amounted to $267 34. The Convention may be surprised by such a statement, and imagine that the Convocation has been careless in the management of its pecuniary affairs. The Convocation, however, is not the party to whom the blame belongs. On the contrary, the fault rests upon several of the parishes. The amount pledged at the annual meeting was $1410. Of that amount only *$1117 66 were paid, leaving a

*It should be stated that Grace Church, Providence, paid $400 into the treasury, whereas but $250 were pledged from that Church. St. Mark's, Warren, pledged nothing, but paid $25. There were $178 60 in the treasury at the beginning of the year.

deficiency of $292 34. This deficiency arose from a failure on the part of several parishes in the Diocese to pay the full amount of their pledges. We are aware that it may be said by one or more of these parishes that they were not represented at the meeting when the pledges for the last year were made. But it should be borne in mind that there is a by-law of Convocation which declares expressly that "*Every pledge made to this Convocation shall be considered as renewed at the annual meeting, unless it shall then be withdrawn, either personally or by writing.*" Owing to the frequent absence of some of the members from the meetings of Convocation, such a rule is necessary in order that the Convocation may act intelligently. Of course, the rule will be of but little service if forgetfulness or ignorance of its existence (it is read at every annual meeting) is to be considered a sufficient excuse for non-payment of pledges. We desire to direct the attention of the *laity*, as well as the clergy, to this rule and its importance in the prosecution of our work.

We must also express our deep regret that any of our parishes should keep aloof from Convocation; especially any which, under God, owe their foundation and present prosperity to the fostering care of that body. The importance of the work of missions in the Diocese, we presume, none doubt. In order that the work may be carried on efficiently, united action is necessary. If the apparent indifference to which we have alluded arises from a want of confidence in the management of affairs, there is a remedy. Attend the meetings and do what you can to correct the evil. Every clergyman in the Diocese not now of our number would be cordially welcomed by the Bishop and all the members of Convocation. We beg the laity, also, to look more closely to the interests of this missionary organ of the Convention, especially in times of vacancy in the Rectorship of the Parishes to which they belong, or when a change of ministers takes place. We would feel much more encouraged if they did not manifest such a lamentable want of interest in our work by absenting themselves from the public

services of the Church, at the time of our quarterly meetings.

In conclusion we affectionately and earnestly exhort all who desire the spread of the Gospel within the borders of our State, and who love and honor the Church, to help us with their counsel, their gifts, and their prayers.

For the Convocation,

DANIEL HENSHAW, *Secretary.*

The Report of the Treasurer of Convocation was read and accepted.

The Depository Board reported as follows :

REPORT OF THE DEPOSITORY BOARD.

In their previous reports, this Board has spoken somewhat at large of the objects contemplated by the establishment of a "Depository" for this Diocese, and although their convictions of the *importance* of those are as strong as ever, they forbear dwelling upon them in the present report. It is a satisfaction to be able to say that the amount of sales at the Depository during the past year, is larger than that of any previous year,—having reached the sum of nineteen hundred and twenty-seven dollars ($1927). The stock of books, tracts, &c., now on hand is estimated to be worth about nine hundred and fifty dollars ($950).

The institution needs and deserves and hereby solicits, a fuller measure of patronage, and of "nursing care" and attention, than it has hitherto received from the members and friends of our Church in this Diocese. The more they help it, the more help will it be able to afford in return. The Board would take this opportunity of commending it anew to the thoughtful and generous consideration of all our parishes

The Board have been indebted no less than heretofore, to the

supervisory care which Amasa Paine, Esq., one of the Sub-Committee, has kindly and patiently given to the affairs of the Depository.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Board for the Fund for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, was read and accepted.

The Clergy then presented their Parochial Reports.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

Wednesday morning, June 15, 1859.

The Convention met in St. John's Church at 9, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. W. C. Brown, of Zion Church, Newport.

After the devotional exercises, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop. The roll was called, and the records of the preceding day, read and accepted.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Waterman,

It was *Resolved*, That the old manuscript Journals of this Convention, be deposited in the Rhode Island Historical Society's Library, provided the said Society will receive them, subject to the order of this Convention.

The Committee appointed by the last Convention to report on a resolution in relation to the support of public

worship by taxation of the pews, presented their report and proposed a change in Art. VII of the Constitution.

This Report, after considerable discussion, was referred back to the Committee, with instructions to report before the close of the present Convention.

The Committee on the Litigated Property at Tower Hill, presented their Report with the following Resolutions:

Whereas, John Case of Tower Hill, in the Town of South Kingstown, in the County of Kings, in the then Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, in New England, in North America and now State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, in the United States of America, by his last Will and Testament, dated the 15th day of May, 1770, amongst other Gifts and Devises, did give and devise as follows:

"*Item.*—I give and devise after my said wife's decease, my homestead lot. (Hill farm so called), and wood lot with their appurtenances unto James Honyman, Esquire, of Newport, in the County of Newport, in the Colony of Rhode Island, &c.; his heirs and assigns, forever, only in trust, and to the use of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and their Successors forever, which Society were incorporated by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of England, bearing date the 16th day of June, in the 13th year of the Reign of our late Sovereign Lord, King William the Third; and the use, rents, issues, profits and improvements to be applied by the said Society, for and towards the support and maintenance of an Episcopal Bishop of the Church of England as by law established, forever, when it shall please God that one is sent over properly appointed and consecrated, and sent to preside over the Episcopal Churches in North America, whose Diocese or district shall comprehend the Narragansett Country and none else. And these bequests I make for the aforesaid religious uses and for no other use and purposes whatever." An attested copy of which said last Will and Testament of said John Case is herewith enclosed:—and

Whereas, the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations organized an Episcopal State Convention, soon after the Revolution, and the territory of said State has for many years past been created and erected into a separate and distinct Bishopric, and the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations at their January Session, 1844, made and created the members of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of the Diocese of Rhode Island and their successors, chosen according to the constitution of said Convention, a corporation and body politic, forever, by the name and style of the Rhode Island Episcopal State Convention for Missionary and other purposes, and on the sixth day of December, 1854, the Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, received consecration in Grace Church, Providence, as Bishop of the Diocese of Rhode Island, and successor in office of the late John P. K. Henshaw, Bishop of Rhode Island, deceased, and—

Whereas, the said homestead lot, one of the tracts in said devise named, had from neglect been diverted for many years from the use to which it has been designated and dedicated by said John Case, but at the February Term of the Supreme Court of said State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations A. D. 1859, George Larned and others, heirs at law and Trustees of the said James Honyman, named in said will, recovered judgment by submission of said Homestead lot, against Edward Oatley, Jun., the tenant in possession thereof,—which said heirs at law as trustees under said will are ready and desirous by proper conveyances to convey and transfer all their right, title and interest in and to said homestead lot or farm, to said Rhode Island Episcopal State Convention, by their corporate name, or to the purchaser or purchasers of said homestead lot with proper boundaries, so that it be appropriated to the special use, purposes and intent of said donor, the said John Case, deceased, as in his said last will is designated —and

Whereas, this Convention has been advised that a release of the title and estate of said Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, to said "Rhode Island Episcopal State Convention for Missionary and other purposes," for the uses aforesaid, to wit, "for and towards the support and maintenance of an Episcopal Bishop of the Church of England in the United States, forever, whose diocese or district shall comprehend the Narragansett country, and none else; to wit, the Right Rev. Thomas M. Clark, the Bishop of the Diocese of Rhode-Island, for the time being, and his successors in office forever: is necessary to perfect the title to said Case estate. Now therefore

Voted and Resolved, That said Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, be requested to execute proper deeds or conveyances, releasing all their right, title, interest and claim in and to said Case estate or estates, consisting of said homestead lot, Hill farm and wood lot, mentioned and described in the last will and testament of the said John Case, deceased, to "the Rhode Island Episcopal State Convention for Missionary and other purposes," for the uses, interests and purposes expressed in said will,—and that the Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, W. T. Dorrance, Alexander Duncan, Amasa Manton, and W. T. Grinnell, who constitute the Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes, be a Committee to confer in writing with said Society concerning the matters aforesaid and to procure from said Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, the conveyances of said estates mentioned in said will of said John Case, deceased, to this Convention and their successors forever.

Resolved, That whenever the homestead, lot as devised in the last will and testament of the late John Case, of Tower Hill, in South Kingstown, in the County of Washington, in this State, shall be sold under the advice and direction of the Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes, under Canon V. of this Convention and payment shall be made therefor to the satisfaction of said Board,

It is *Voted and Resolved*, That the Treasurer of this Convention, for the time being, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to make and execute in due form of law, a deed in warranty of said homestead lot in the name of this Convention to the purchaser or purchasers of said homestead lot at any time when said Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes shall request him so to do.

On motion, the report of the Committee with the appended Resolutions was received and accepted.

The Clergy and Laity then retired to separate apartments to nominate their Deputies to the General Convention and their Substitutes.

On their return the following nominations were announced.

Clerical Deputies.

Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D. Rev. S. A. Crane, D. D.
Rev. H. Waterman, D. D. Rev. Hobart Williams.

Substitutes for Clerical Deputies.

Rev. David Henshaw, Rev. E. W. Maxcy, Jr.,
Rev. W. H. Mills. Rev. Wm. Stow.

Lay Deputies.

Alex. Duncan, David King, M. D.,
Edward Walcott, Edwin Babcock.

Substitutes for Lay Deputies.

A. H. Okie, M. D., George L. Cooke,
Stephen N. Mason, Allen M. Thomas.

The above nominations were all confirmed.

E. W. Howard was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

On motion,

Rev. B. P. Talbot, Jas. De W. Perry,
" Daniel Henshaw, A. H. Okie, M. D.

were appointed a committee to nominate candidates for the Standing Committee.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday afternoon, June 15.

The Convention met according to adjournment, the Bishop in the chair.

The following persons were appointed the
Board of Education.

Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D. E. W. Howard,
" W. H. Mills, Wm. Grosvenor.

The following were elected the
Board of Sunday Schools.

Rev. D. Henshaw, E. W. Howard,
" W. Stow, R. M. Larned.

The following were elected the
Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes.

W. T. Dorrance, Amasa Manton,
Alexander Duncan, W. T. Grinnell.

The following were elected the

Board of Fund for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.

Alexander Duncan,	Resolved Waterman,
W. T. Grinnell.	Edward Walcott.

The following were appointed the

Depository Board.

Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	E. W Howard,
" Henry Waterman, D. D.,	Edward Walcott.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That whereas the General Assembly of this State, at its January Session in the year 1859, made the following alteration of the Charter of this Convention, according to the petition of the same, viz:

"A majority of the Standing Committee shall be a quorum for the transaction of the business appertaining to said Committee," therefore this Convention accepts the said amended Charter.

On motion the following resolution having been approved at the last Convention was adopted.

Resolved, That in Article X. of the Constitution the words "a majority," be substituted for the words "two thirds."

On motion the following proposed amendment to Art. III. of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States was approved.

ARTICLE III.

Whenever General Conventions are held, the Bishops of this Church shall form a separate House, with the right to originate and propose acts for the concurrence of the House of Deputies, and all acts must pass both Houses.

On motion, the consideration of the proposed amendment to Article VI. of said Constitution was indefinitely postponed.

The Committee appointed to nominate members of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year, reported the following list:

Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	Resolved Waterman,
" Geo. Taft,	Edward Walcott,
" H. Waterman, D. D.,	Alexander Duncan,
" S. A. Crane, D. D.,	Geo. Lewis Cooke.

The report was accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

The Committee appointed on a resolution presented at the last Convention, in relation to the support of Public Worship by taxation of pews, reported as follows:

At the last Convention of this Diocese, the undersigned were appointed a Committee to report to this Convention, on the following resolution, viz:

"*Resolved*, That hereafter no Church be admitted into this Convention, unless said Church be either a free Church, or unless provision be made in its Charter, by which the pews *may* be taxed for the support of the Ministry."

This subject had already been brought to the notice of the Convention. Your committee cannot better bring this matter before this Convention than by quoting from the annual address of the Bishop, delivered in 1856. He says

"The effort now in progress in some of our parishes to provide for the support of public worship by direct taxation of the pews, or, which is far better, to transfer the pews from all individual

ownership to that of the parish, and thus secure an income for the Church from their annual rental, it is to be hoped may prove successful. The evils which grow out of the system that prevails so extensively amongst us, and, so far as I know, is altogether unknown in other Dioceses, of making the clergyman's support to depend upon voluntary subscriptions, are very obvious. The pecuniary burden is liable to fall very unequally and unfairly upon the congregation; for there are, in almost every community, some individuals who will desire to get their religion as they do everything else, at the cheapest possible rates; and therefore the more liberal must either supply their lack, or the clergyman be left to suffer. Again, whatever is given for any purpose, through the medium of voluntary subscription, seems to partake, more or less, of the nature of a charitable donation, and there is no more reason why a minister of the gospel, who gives all his time and talents to the service of the Church, cutting himself off from all other means of livelihood, should be dependent for his salary upon the fluctuations of charity, than the officers of a bank, or an insurance company. But, perhaps the worst feature in this system, is seen in the fact, that pews may be owned by persons not of our own Communion, and the rents which they receive from the actual occupants, so far exhaust the pecuniary ability of those who attend upon our services, that they are positively unable to do anything for the direct support of the Gospel; so that a Church may be filled with worshippers, and yet have no revenue whatever."

Your Committee have thus quoted largely from the Bishop's address, because of the importance of the facts therein presented; there are many other reasons which might be adduced were it necessary, but those already mentioned are deemed sufficient, to call for decided action on the part of this Convention. In the absence of any General Law of Religious Corporations, by the Legislature of this State, it is expedient that this Convention should decide upon some method whereby the evils complained of, may be remedied. Your Committee believe this object may be attained by adopting as a part of its Constitution, the following substitute for Article VII.

ARTICLE VII.

New parishes may, by a vote of the Convention, be admitted into union with it, on presenting written evidence, under the authority of the Wardens and Vestry, that they are duly organized, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of the Convention of this Diocese; but, in the organization of any Parish, where Pews are owned by individuals, or a Corporation, provision must be made whereby said pews may be taxed for their proportion of an amount sufficient for the support of Public Worship in the parish.

We therefore recommend that Article VII. of the Constitution, may be amended as above.

HENRY WATERMAN,
GEORGE LEWIS COOKE, } *Committee.*
WILLIAM GROSVENOR,

Providence, June 15, 1859.

On motion, the above report was received and the proposed amendment to Article VII. was approved and lies over to the next Convention.

On motion, the Secretary and Treasurer of Convention was authorized to have five hundred copies of the Journal of Convention printed, and as many more as may be ordered and paid for by parishes or individuals, within the space of one month.

Voted, That the next Annual Convention be held in Grace Church, Providence, on the second Tuesday in June, 1860, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The following Committee was appointed to take into

consideration the mode of electing Deputies to the General Convention, and propose any change deemed expedient.

Rev. W. H. Mills,	Wm. Binney, Esq.,
" Wm. Stow,	W. T. Grinnell.

The following were appointed the

Board of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D,	Rev. H. Waterman, D. D.,
" Hobart Williams,	Alexander Duncan.

The Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes, were appointed a Committee with power to act in regard to the purchase of a parsonage in the village of Crompton.

By invitation of the Convention, the Rev. A. B. Goodrich, of the Diocese of Massachusetts, offered a few remarks in relation to the Society for the increase of the Ministry.

The minutes of the entire proceedings of the Convention were then read by the Secretary, and approved.

After the usual devotional exercises, conducted by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned.

THOMAS M. CLARK, *President.*

EATON W. MAXCY, JR., *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

Parochial Reports.

PROVIDENCE COUNTY.

GRACE CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms, — Adults, 11 ; Infants, 30 ; total, 41. Confirmations, 27. Present number of Communicants, 440. Sunday School,—Teachers, 42 ; Scholars, 370. Marriages, 15. Burials, 7. Missionary and charitable contributions, $2.444 00.

THOMAS M. CLARK, *Rector.*

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms, — Adults, 5 ; Infants, 52 ; total, 57. Confirmations, 18. Communicants added, 20 ; present number, 300.— Sunday Schools, 2 ; Teachers, 50 ; Scholars, 375. Marriages, 20 ; Burials, 17. Missionary and charitable contributions,— $5.348 18.

N. B. CROCKER, *Rector.*

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms, — Adults, 5 ; Infants, 13 ; total, 18. Confirmations, 11. Communicants added, 15 ; died and removed, 7 ;

present number, 180. Sunday School, — Teachers, 25; Scholars, 154. Marriages, 6; Burials, 5. Missionary and charitable contributions, $2.000 00.

The Easter Communion alms were nearly $750 00.

H. Waterman, *Rector.*

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms, — Adults, 9; Infants, 15; total, 24. Confirmations, 15. Communicants added, 35; died and removed, 16; present number, 112. Sunday School, — Teachers, 14; Scholars, 110. Marriages, 3; Burials, 14. Sunday offerings, $188 64. Communion alms and special offerings for missions, &c., $367 77. Total, $556 41.

In addition to this, $1.000 have been raised in the parish in order to pay off the debt and make sundry improvements.

D. Henshaw, *Rector.*

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms, — Adults, 11; Infants, 19; total, 30. Confirmations, 15. Communicants added, 26; died and removed, 3; — present number, 41. Sunday School,—Teachers, 16; Scholars, 160. Marriages, 7; Burials, 26. Easter offering for Convocation, $20 65; Sunday offerings since February 1st, for parochial purposes, $60 34; Communion alms, $32 45; Contributions for font, $66 42; for Sunday School library, $37 00. Total, $216 86.

The Rev. B. B. Babbitt's resignation as Rector of this church, took effect on the first Sunday in January last. The undersigned assumed the charge on the following Sunday. The above report includes the whole conventional year.

Besides the above contributions, we thankfully acknowledge from friends in other parishes, the receipt of $15 00 for font, and of $63 00 for Sunday School Library.

During the summer months, service is held every Sunday afternoon, at Dry Brook, Johnston.

Wm. H. Mills, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NORTH PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms, — Adults, 3 ; Infants, 36 ; total, 39. Confirmations, 11. Communicants added, 11 ; died and removed, 4 ; — present number, about 250. Sunday School, — Teachers, 20 ; Scholars, 160. Marriages, 25 ; Burials, 48. Missionary and charitable contributions, $400 68.

George Taft, *Rector.*

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, WOONSOCKET.

Baptisms,—Adults, 9 ; Infants, 25 ; total 34. Confirmations, 16. Communicants added, 23 ; died and removed, 9 ; present number, 161. Marriages, 21 ; Burials, 23. Families, 132.— Sunday School,—Teachers, 20 ; Scholars, 145. Monthly collections for missions have amounted to $76 28 ; Widows and Orphans of Clergy, $9 36 ; Sewing circle, $50 00 ; Communion alms and contributions for other charitable purposes, $76 56.— Total, $212 20.

B. P. Talbot, *Rector.*

EMANUEL CHURCH, MANVILLE.

Report since Jan. 1, 1859.

The Rector, Rev. F. J. Warner, was called away from this Parish to Barrington, holding the last service Dec. 26, 1858, since which time the church has been open every Sunday, and the services read by Daniel Hale, mostly, and also by W. C. Burlingame. The parish has been favored with an evening service by Rev. Mr. Henshaw, and also by Rev. Mr. Warner ; and a third service on the Sabbath by Rev. Mr. Talbot ; also a regular service on Sunday by Rev. Mr. Babbitt. Rev. Mr. Talbot administered the Holy Communion.

Sunday School, — Teachers, 7 ; Scholars, about 40. Communion alms, $7 76.

Daniel Hale, *Warden.*

CHRIST CHURCH, LONSDALE.

When the present Rector entered upon his duties in this parish, he found, as not reported since the last Convention, Baptisms.—Adults, 1 ; Infants, 9 ; total, 10. Communicants, after a revision of the list, 132. Sunday School,—Teachers, 22 ; Scholars, 150. Marriages, 3 ; Burials, 8.

Since which time, October 1, 1858, there have been, Baptisms, —Adults, 5 ; Infants, 17 ; total, 22 ; total for the year, 32.—Confirmations, 10. Communicants added, 18 ; died and removed 0 ; present number, 150. Sunday School,—Teachers, 25 ; Scholars, 210 ; average attendance for the last six months, 160. Marriages, 4 ; total, since last report, 7 ; Burials, 4 ; Total, for the year, 12. Missionary and charitable contributions,—for objects within the parish, $43 41 ; for objects without the parish, $115. 60 ; Total, 159 01.

With the aid of the ladies' society, which had become extinct, but which is now reorganized, we confidently hope to increase the amount of contributions another year. The blessing of Heaven has been vouchsafed us in spiritual things ; and the fact that a greater number of pews have been rented than ever before, is a sufficient indication of our temporal prosperity.

Edward Cowley, *Rector.*

BRISTOL COUNTY.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BRISTOL.

Baptisms,—Adults, 1 ; Infants, 11 ; total, 12. Confirmations, 5 ; Communicants added, 5 ; died and removed, 1 ; Present number, 291. Sunday School,— Teachers, 20 ; Scholars, 150. Marriages, 6 ; Burials, 11. Missionary and charitable contributions, $425 00.

On the night of the 5th of December, 1858, St. Michael's Church was discovered to be on fire, and within an hour it was burned to the ground. For a few Sundays, through the christian kindness of the Methodist Church, we occupied their place of worship, in the morning.

At present we occupy a building known as the " Old Methodist Meeting House," which has been fitted up so as to make a very convenient place of worship.

Soon after the burning of our Church, measures were taken to re-build it. $20 000 were soon subscribed, which, with insurance and other funds, gives us $30 000 or more, at our disposal for that purpose. Unforeseen circumstances have retarded the work of re-building, but we hope soon to "arise and build" so that within a year, a new Church edifice may stand on the site which for more than a century has been consecrated to the services of our Church.

WM. STOW, *Rector.*

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, WARREN.

Baptisms,—Adults, 2; Infants, 9; total, 11. Confirmations, 5; Communicants added, 8; died and removed, 9; Present number, 151. Sunday School,—Teachers, 17; Scholars, 118; Marriages, 3; Burials, 8. Missionary and charitable contributions, $117 41.

EATON W. MAXCY, JR., *Rector.*

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, BARRINGTON.

Baptisms, — Adults, 9; Infants, 2; total, 11. Confirmations, 13. Communicants added, 18; present number, 30.—Sunday School, — Teachers, 8; Scholars, 50. Marriages, 3. Missionary and charitable contributions, $120 19.

Our parish is not yet a year old, but has already pleasant memories clustering around it, and looks forward with fond anticipations to a healthful growth and a hearty co-working with our sister churches for good.

F. J. WARNER, *Rector.*

NEWPORT COUNTY.

TRINITY CHURCH, NEWPORT.

Baptisms,—Adults, 4; Confirmations, 13; Communicants added, 20; Present number, 250. Missionary and charitable contributions, $1030 00.

The Sunday School is flourishing, — efficiently taught and managed.

A. G. MERCER, *Rector.*

ZION CHURCH, NEWPORT.

Baptisms,—Adults, 18; Infants, 8; total, 26. Confirmations, 23; Communicants added, 30; died and removed, 6; Present number, 165. Sunday School,—Teachers, 17; Scholars, 124. Marriages, 5; Burials, 16. Missionary and charitable contributions, $612 80.

W. Colvin Brown, *Rector.*

EMANUEL CHURCH, NEWPORT.

Baptisms,—Adults, 7; Infants, 24; total, 31. Confirmations, 16; Communicants added, 39; died and removed 10; Present number, 132. Sunday School,—Teachers, 18; Scholars, 150. Burials, 9. Missionary and charitable contributions, $45 12. Offerings for parish expenses, $1018 45; total, $1063 57.

The present Rector was admitted to holy orders on the 15th of December last, since which time there has been morning and evening prayer on all Sundays and holy days. During Lent there were four services each week, including two lectures, also, daily morning and evening prayer during holy week. The whole number of services in this Church since December 15th, has been 112; number of sermons, 62,—assistance rendered in other Churches on ten occasions of divine service.

As superintendent of the Sunday School, I report that it is very flourishing, having a faithful and efficient band of teachers, and the rooms being filled to their utmost capacity with scholars. Several of those confirmed were from the advanced classes. The children of the parish are catechised "openly in the Church" monthly, when an address is also made to them. Over four hundred visits have been made to the poor, sick and afflicted, and others in the district. The condition and prospects of the *Free Church*, are very encouraging, and we have abundant reason to return thanks to the Great Head of the Church for His love and goodness towards us.

Charles Wingate, *Minister.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH.

Baptisms,—Infants, 9. Confirmed, 1. Communicants added,

3; died and removed, 7; present number, 48. Sunday School,—Teachers, 6; Scholars, 30. Marriages, 3; Burials, 3. Missionary and charitable contributions, $55.

The Rector reports with deep gratitude to God, the continued prosperity of this Church, notwithstanding the loss by death and removal of several zealous and worthy members. All the pews offered for renting have been taken, and the demand not supplied. The ladies' society have continued their charitable and self-denying labors. The rector also gratefully acknowledges the continued kindness, sympathy and liberality of his parishioners in his affliction. May God's richest blessing rest upon them.

G. W. Chevers, *Rector.*

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH, AND HOLY CROSS CHAPEL, MIDDLETOWN.

Baptisms,—Adults, 1; Infants, 2; total, 3. Confirmations, 6; Communicants added, 10; died and removed, 3; Present number, 69. Sunday School,—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 35.—Burials, 6. Missionary and charitable contributions, $103 70.

H. Williams, *Rector.*

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, JAMESTOWN,

Baptisms,—Adults, 1. Communicants added, 1; died, 1; present number, 11. Burials, 2. Missionary and charitable contributions, $13 00.

George Anthony, *Deacon.*

WASHINGTON CONNTY.

CHRIST CHURCH, WESTERLY.

Baptisms,—Adults, 5; Infants, 2; total, 7. Confirmations, 6; Communicants added, 6; died and removed, 12; present number, 146. Sunday School,—Teachers, 14; Scholars, 70. Marriages, 4; Burials, 3. Missionary and charitable contributions, $258 00.

Arthur Mason, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WICKFORD.

Baptisms,—Adults, 2; Infants, 2; total, 4. Confirmations, 4; Communicants added, 4; died and removed, 10; present number, 80. Sunday School,—Teachers, 6; Scholars, 39.—Marriages, 3; Burials, 6 Missionary and charitable contributions. $280 84.

A. B. Flanders, *Rector.*

KENT COUNTY.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, EAST GREENWICH.

Baptisms,—Adults, 2; Infants, 3; total, 5. Confirmations, 6; Communicants added, 8; died and removed, 8; present number, 66. Sunday School,—Teachers, 10; Scholars, about 50. Marriages, 1; Burials, 6. Missionary and charitable contributions, $60.

A new and excellent organ has been put into this Church, in place of the old one, by the heirs of the late Mrs. Hope Ives; and the thanks of the parish are hereby given to the generous donors.

S. A. Crane, *Rector.*

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, CROMPTON.

Baptisms,—Adults, 4; Infants, 21; total, 25. Present number, 18. Sunday School,—Teachers, 6; Scholars, 45; Marriages, 2. Burials, 8. Missionary and charitable contributions, $3 00.

Since my connection with the parish, I have baptized five children, and officiated at three burials, included in the above report. I have also held service at Fiskville each Sunday afternoon, good congregations being present.

R. H. Tuttle, *Rector.*

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, GREENVILLE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 6; Infants, 4; total, 10. Confirmations, 11; Communicants added, 12; died, 1; present number, 51.—

Sunday Schools,—Teachers, 6; Scholars, 80. Marriages, 2; Burials, 3. Missionary and charitable contributions, $33 32.

Through the blessing of God upon the labors of pastor and people, this parish now rejoices in an encouraging degree of prosperity.

As missionary of the Convocation, I have officiated regularly on Sunday mornings, through the year at Burrillville. $330 have been expended upon the chapel during the year, and as much more will be required to complete it. A missionary resident in, or near to the field of labor, with aid from abroad to the amount of $300, to complete the chapel, are, it is believed, the desiderata for progress, and permanent success in Burrillville.

B. H. Chase.

Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, D. D.:

In connection with the "Church Missionary Union of Providence," I have been employed the past year in looking after the temporal and spiritual interests of as many of the poor, the sick, and the unfortunate of this city as have come to my knowledge. Though turning from none to whom I might be useful, I have sought especially those who have some connexion with the Protestant Episcopal Church. In visiting, counselling, and providing for such, my time is chiefly employed.

During the year I have married one couple, have baptized twenty-one children, attended twenty-five funerals, and preached sixty-three times. I have also, on numerous occasions, assisted other clergymen in performing divine service, and administering the holy communion.

D. L. B. Goodwin.

Providence, June 14, 1859.

To the Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, D. D.:

Since my last report, I have officiated on about fifty occasions of public worship, and have administered and assisted in administering the holy communion, nine times. I also report, one infant baptism, two marriages, one funeral,

James H. Carpenter.

Narragansett, June 14, 1859.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Clark,:

During the past year, as in the preceding, besides attending to my duties as principal of the Berkeley school, I have regularly assisted the Rector of Trinity Church, in the reading of the service, and in administering the holy communion.

In my vacations, also, I have preached occasionally in various places.

WM. C. LEVERETT.

Rt. Rev Thomas M. Clark, D. D.:

In discharging the duties of my agency for Church Periodicals, during the past year, I have preached some sixty times, and assisted on various occasions in the administration of baptism, and the holy communion. The above services were rendered in the Dioceses of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maryland and Virginia.

ELISHA F. WATSON.

Wakefield, R. I., June 14, 1859.

Abstract of Parochial Reports, June, 1859.

PLACES.	CHURCHES.	RECTOR OR MINISTER.	BAPTISMS.			COMM'CTS.			Confirmations.	Marriages.	Burials.	S. S.		Sunday Offerings and Contributions for Religious purposes.
			Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Added.	Died and Removed.	Present Number.				Teachers.	Scholars.	
Providence,	Grace,	T. M. Clark, D. D.,	11	30	41			440	27	15	7	42	370	$2444 00
"	St. John's,	N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	5	52	57	20		300	18	20	17	50	375	5348 18
"	St. Stephen's,	H. Waterman, D. D.,	5	13	18	15	7	180	11	6	5	25	154	2000 00
"	St. Andrew's,	D. Henshaw,	9	15	24	35	16	112	15	3	14	14	110	1556 41
"	Messiah,	W. H. Mills,	11	19	30	26	3	41	15	7	26	16	160	216 86
North Providence,	St. Paul's,	Geo. Taft,	3	36	39	11	4	250	11	25	48	20	160	400 68
Woonsocket,	St. James',	B. P. Talbot,	9	25	34	23	9	161	16	21	23	20	145	212 20
Manville,	Emanuel,											7	40	7 76
Lonsdale,	Christ,	E. Cowley,	6	26	32	18		150	10	7	12	25	210	159 01
Bristol,	St. Michael's,	Wm. Stow,	1	11	12	5	1	291	5	6	11	20	150	425 00
Warren,	St. Mark's,	E. W. Maxcy, Jr.,	2	9	11	8	9	151	5	3	8	17	118	117 41
Barrington,	St. John's,	F. J. Warner,	9	2	11	18		30	13	3		8	50	120 19
Newport,	Trinity,	A. G. Mercer,	4			20		250	13					1030 00
"	Zion,	W. C. Brown,	18	8	26	30	6	165	23	5	16	17	124	612 80
"	Emanuel,	C. Wingate,	7	24	31	39	10	132	16		9	18	150	1063 57
Portsmouth,	St. Paul's,	G. W. Chevers,		9	9	3	7	48	1	3	3	6	30	55 00
"	St. Mary's,	H. Williams,	1	2	3	10	3	69	6		6	5	35	103 70
Middletown,	Holy Cross Chapel,													
Jamestown,	St. Matthew's,	Geo. Anthony,	1		1	1	1	11			2			13 00
Westerly,	Christ,	Arthur Mason,	5	2	7	6	12	146	6	4	3	14	70	258 00
Wickford,	St. Paul's,	A. B. Flanders,	2	2	4	4	10	80	4	3	6	6	39	280 84
East Greenwich,	St. Luke's,	S. A. Crane, D. D.,	2	3	5	8	8	66	6	1	6	10	50	60 00
Crompton,	St. Philip's,	R. H. Tuttle,	4	21	25			18		2	8	6	45	3 00
Greenville.	St. Thomas',	B. H. Chase,	6	4	10	12	1	51	11	2	3	6	80	33 32
			121	313	430	312	107	3142	232	136	233	352	2665	$16520 93

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON CURRENT EXPENSES.

The Committee on Finance report that the estimated expenses of this Convention are Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars, which sum has been assessed as follows, viz;

St. John's Church,	Providence,	$35 00
Grace, "	do.	35 00
St. Stephen's "	do.	18 00
St. Andrew's "	do.	5 00
Church of the Messiah,	Providence,	2 00
Trinity Church,	Newport,	30 00
Zion "	do.	16 00
Emanuel "	do.	2 00
St. Paul's "	North Providence,	14 00
St. Michael's "	Bristol,	22 00
St. Mark's "	Warren,	14 00
St. John's "	Barrington,	2 00
Christ "	Lonsdale,	8 00
St. James's "	Woonsocket,	13 00
Christ "	Westerly,	13 00
St. Paul's "	North Portsmouth,	3 00
Emanuel "	Manville,	2 00
St. Luke's "	East Greenwich,	3 00
St. Paul's "	Wickford,	3 00
Ascension "	Wakefield,	1 00
St. Peter's "	Johnston,	1 00
St. Philip's "	Crompton,	1 00
St. Thomas's "	Greenville,	2 00
St. Mary's "	South Portsmouth,	3 00
Chapel of Holy Cross,	Middletown,	2 00
		$250 00

The Committee recommend the following Resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the Delegates now pay their several assessments.

ROBERT H. IVES,
W. T. GRINNELL,
GEORGE LEWIS COOKE, } *Committee.*

Providence, June 14, 1859.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON THE BISHOP'S SALARY.

The Committee of Finance have assessed the several Parishes, for the Salary of the Bishop, in accordance with the Eighth Canon, as follows, viz:

St. John's Church,	Providence,	$160 00
Grace "	do.	160 00
St. Stephen's "	do.	60 00
St. Andrew's "	do.	10 00
Church of the Messiah,	Providence,	5 00
Trinity Church,	Newport,	125 00
Zion "	do.	75 00
Emanuel "	do.	20 00
St. Paul's "	North Providence,	60 00
St. Michael's "	Bristol,	80 00
St. Mark's "	Warren,	60 00
St. John's "	Barrington,	2 00
Christ "	Lonsdale,	20 00
St. James's "	Woonsocket,	50 00
Christ "	Westerly,	50 00
St. Paul's "	North Portsmouth,	8 00
St. Mary's "	South Portsmouth,	10 00
Emanuel "	Manville,	2 00
St. Luke's "	East Greenwich,	13 00
St. Paul's "	Wickford,	20 00
Ascension "	Wakefield,	13 00
St. Peter's "	Johnston,	3 00
St. Philip's "	Crompton,	2 00
Chapel of Holy Cross,	Middletown,	10 00
St. Matthew's Church,	Jamestown,	2 00
St. Thomas's "	Greenville,	5 00
		$1025 00

The Committee recommend that the foregoing assessments be collected and paid to the Treasurer on or before the first day of August next.

ROBERT H. IVES.
W. T. GRINNELL,
GEORGE LEWIS COOKE. } *Committee.*

Providence, June 14th, 1859.

Dr. *Convention Expenses (Diocese of R. I.,) in account with E. W. Howard, Tr.,* *Cr.*

1858.			
June 9.	To cash paid N. D. Locke, Sexton of Grace Church, for services in attending Convention, June 8th and 9th,		$8 00
	To cash pd James B. Harris, expenses incurred in trial of Rev. E. W. Stokes.		4 25
July 3.	To cash pd H. L. Tillinghast's bill for printing and binding 500 Triennial Charge of the Bishop, at $1 12 per page,		23 23
	Do for printing 100 notices,		1 25
July 29.	To do. for printing Journal of Convention, 52 pages and covers, at $1 60 per page; mailing and enveloping copies,		83 20
Sept. 5.	To cash pd Rev. E. W. Maxcy, Secretary of Convention, for postage on Journals and Charges,		2 85
June 14.	To balance to new account,		54 10
			$176 88

1859. June, Examined and found Correct.
ROBERT H. IVES,
WM. T. GRINNELL,
GEO. LEWIS COOKE,
} *Finance Committee.*

1858.				88
June 9.	By balance of last year's account,			
	By assessment of June 9, '58, rec'd of			
		St. Stephen's Church,	Providence,	$13 00
	ditto	Trinity Church,	Newport,	21 00
	ditto	Zion "	"	11 00
	ditto	St. Paul's,	Pawtucket,	10 00
	ditto	St. Michael's,	Bristol,	16 00
	ditto	St. Mark's,	Warren,	10 00
	ditto	St. Andrew's,	Providence,	3 00
	ditto	Christ Church,	Lonsdale,	6 00
	ditto	St James',	Woonsocket,	9 00
	ditto	Christ Church,	Westerly,	9 00
	ditto	St. Paul's,	N. Portsmouth,	2 00
	ditto	St. Luke's,	E. Greenwich,	2 00
	ditto	St. Pauls',	Wickford,	2 00
	ditto	St. Peters,	Johnston,	1 00
	ditto	St. Mary's,	S. Portsmouth,	2 00
	ditto	Church of the Holy Cross,	Middletown,	2 00
	ditto	Church of the Messiah,	Providence,	1 00
	ditto	Emanuel Church,	Newport,	1 00
	ditto	St John's "	Providence,	25 00
	ditto	Grace Church,	Providence,	25 00
	ditto	Emanuel Church,	Manville,	2 00
	ditto	St.Thomas's Church,	Greenville,	2 00
June 14.	ditto	St. Philip's Church,	Crompton	1 00
				$176 88

E. E.—E. W. HOWARD, *Tr.*

1859. June 14. By balance to new account, $54 10

Dr. *Bishop's Salary (Diocese of R. I.,) in account with E. W. Howard, Tr.* *Cr.*

1858.			
June 9.	To quarters' salary on acct. to Sept. 1, '58, paid Bishop Clark, $28 00		
July 31.	To quarter's salary on acct. to Sept. 1, '58, paid Bishop Clark, $97 00		
Aug. 17.	To quarter's salary in full to Sept. 1, '58, paid Bishop Clark $125 00	$250 00	
Dec. 4.	To quarter's salary in full to Dec. 1, '58, paid Bishop Clark,	250 00	
Mch. 1.	To quarter's salary in full to March 1, '59, paid Bishop Clark,	250 00	
June 13.	To quarter's salary in full to June 1, '59, paid Bishop Clark,	250 00	
June 14.	By balance to new account,	59 15	
		$1059 15	

June 14, 1859. Examined and found correct.

ROBERT H. IVES,
W. T. GRINNELL,
GEO. LEWIS COOKE. } *Finance Committee.*

1858.					
June 9.	By balance of last year's account,				$48 15
	By assess. June 9, '58 of	do	do	"	Trinity Ch., Newport, 125 00
		do	do	"	Grace Ch., Providence, 160 00
July 7.		do	do	"	St. Stephen's, Providence 60 00
July 30.		do	do	"	Zion Ch , Newport, 75 00
Aug. 3.		do	do	"	Emanuel, Newport, 20 00
		do	do	"	St. John's, Providence, 160 00
		do	do	"	St. Peter's, Johnston, 3 00
		do	do	"	St. Paul's, Pawtucket, 60 00
1859.					
Jan. 9.		do	do	"	Emanuel, Manville, 5 00
Jan. 25.		do	do	"	St. Thomas', Greeneville, 5 00
		do	do	"	St. Michael's, Bristol, 80 00
Feb. 1.		do	do	"	St. Paul's, Wickford, 20 00
Feb. 6.		do	do	"	Ch. of Holy Cross, Middletown, 10 00
Feb. 14.		do	do	"	St Mary's, S. Portsmouth, 10 00
		do	do	"	St. Luke's, E. Greenwich, 13 00
Mch.		do	do	"	St. Andrew's, Providence, 10 00
April 29.		do	do	"	St. James', Woonsocket, 50 00
May 22.		do	do	"	St. Matthew's, Jamestown, 2 00
May 9.		do	do	"	Christ Ch., Westerly, 50 00
May 25.		do	do	"	St. Mark's, Warren, 60 00
		do	do	"	St. Philip's, Crompton, 2 00
		do	do	"	Christ Ch., Lonsdale, 20 00
		do	do	"	St. Paul's, Portsmouth, 8 00
		do	do	"	Ch. of the Messiah, Providence, 3 00
					$1059 15

E. E.—E. W. HOWARD, *Tr.*

June 14, 1859. By bal. to new account, 59 15

Dr. Missionary Convocation (Diocese R. I.) in account with E. W. Howard, Treas. Cr.

1858.		
April 1.	Appropriation paid to Church of the Messiah for year ending April 1, 1859, Rev. B. B. Babbitt,	$187 50
	Paid Rev. W. H. Mills,	62 50
	Do paid to Valley of Pawtuxet Station, for do; interest on Parsonage mortgage, 78; Rev. Dexter Potter, $150,	228 00
	Paid Rev. B. B. Babbitt,	75 00
	Do paid to Dry Brook, St. Peter's, Rev. W. H Mills,	133 33
	Do paid Manville, Albion and Cumberland, Rev. F. J. Warner,	150 00
	Do paid Burrillville Station, Rev. B. H. Chace,	300 00
	Do paid Barrington,—St. John's Church,	300 00
	Balance to new account,	79 53
		$1515 86

1858.		
April 1.	By balance of last year's acccount,	$173 60
	By yrs. pl'dg to date, of Grace Church, Providence,	250 00
April 1, '59.	" " St. John's, Providence,	200 00
	" " St. Stephen's, "	125 00
	" " St. Andrew's, "	80 00
	" " Ch. of Messiah, "	50 00
	" " St. Paul's, Pawtucket,	60 00
	" " Christ Church, Westerly,	80 00
	" " St. Peter's Johnston,	50 00
	" " St. Paul's, Wickford,	50 00
	" " St. Thomas', Greeneville,	30 00
	" " Trinity, Newport,	92 66
	Christ Church, Lonsdale,	29 60
	St. Michael's, Bristol,	50 00
	Extra do, for St. John's Ch., Barrington, of Grace, Ch., Prov , donation from St. Mark's, Warren,	150 00
		25 00
	Surplus balance from travelling expenses of Convocation,	15 00
		$1515 86

E. E.—E. W. HOWARD, *Tr.*

June 1, 1859. By balance to new account, $79 53

Dr. Funds for Dom. & For. Miss., from Diocese R. I. in acct. with E. W. Howard, Tr. Cr.

1858.			
July 27.	To cash forwarded J. S. Aspinwall, Tr., N. Y.	$553 25	
Aug. 13.	" Isaac Seymour, Tr., N. Y.	129 20	
Oct 13.	" " "	43 25	
Dec. 1.	" J. S. Aspinwall Tr., N. Y.	2 00	
Dec. 1.	" Isaac Seymour, Tr., N Y.	125 00	
Dec. 28.	" " "	341 99	
Dec. 28.	" J. S Aspinwall, Tr , N. Y.	68 71	
1859.			
Jan. 6.	" J. S. Aspinwall, Tr., N. Y.	141 46	
	" Isaac Seymour,	323 00	
Feb. 10.	" " "	7 00	
	" J. S. Aspinwall,	686 31	
Mch. 3.	" " "	62 72	
Mch. 15.	" Isaac Seymour,	125 00	
Apr. 5	" Credited to St. John's Ch. S. S.	6 00	
June 5.	" Forwarded Ch. Book Society,	25 00	
	" Forwarded by Rev. E. W. Maxcy,	2 00	
	" Forw'd Nashotah by Rev. H. Waterman,	98 00	
	Paid J S. Aspinwall, Tr., N. Y.	424 87	
June 18,	" Paid J. S. Aspinwall, Tr., N. Y	800 00	
		$3964 76	

1858.		
	Grace Church, Providence.—Epiphany coll., $91; adv. coll. $80; for Ch. Book Society, N. Y., $28,	$199 00
	St. John's Church, Providence.—July, '58, subscrip. for Rev. E. W. Syle, China, $532 25; colored S. S. for Africa, $38 46. Jan., '59. S. S. Christmas offg. for Africa, $131 46; Infant S. S. coll. during year for Africa, $10. Feb., '59.—Epiph. coll. of which $15 is for Africa, $375; Colored S. S. coll. during year for Africa. $62 72. June, '59.—Philanthropic Soc. for Africa, $200; coll. for Bishop Boone, $800; Mrs. Jenks, $2; bal. of S. S. over pledge last year, for Iowa, $6; Morning S./S. pl'dg for Bp. Soc., Iowa, $376; members of do. for Green Bay School House, $41 25; adv coll., of which $26 is for Iowa, $265; Mrs. Jenks, $2.	2166 14
	St. Stephen's, Providence.—Epiph. coll. $175; adv. coll. $225; for Nashotah, $98.	498 00
	St. Andrew's, Providence.—Epiph. coll. $21; adv. coll $27 30; Ch. Book Soc., $25.	73 30
	St. Paul's, Pawtucket.—Little Mary, for Africa, $1; ladies for do. $20; Epiph. coll. $19 31; four S. S. classes, for Africa, $12 85; seven do for F. M. $20 48; adv. coll. $19 44; seven classes for D. M. $9 54; for Bib. Soc, $4 25.	106 87
	St. Mark's, Warren.—For F. M., $30 25; F. M. $2; for D. M. $30 25; S. S. $4 20.	66 70
	St. Luke's, E. Greenwich.—Advent coll. $18; for F. M. $21.	39 00
	St. Mary's, S. Portsmouth.—For F. M., $5; for D. M., $7.	12 00
	Chapel of Holy Cross, Middletown.—For D. M.,	3 75
		$3964 76

E. E.—E. W. HOWARD, *Tr.*

Dr. *Charitable Fund in account with Wm. T. Grinnell, Treas.* *Cr.*

1858.			1858.		
	To this sum paid postage,	38	June 8.	By balance of old account brought forward,	$3955 58
June 13.	To this amount carried to new account,	4667 00	Sept. 11.	" this amount collected St. Peter's Johnston, '59,	3 00
			Nov. 23.	" " " " bal. col. Trinity, New'pt, '58,	92 00
			1859.		
			Jan. 1.	" " " " interest fm Savings Bank,	200 10
			Apr. 20.	" " " " St. James', Woonsocket, '59,	9 66
			May 2.	" " " " St. Matthew's, Jamestown, '59,	2 00
			May 16.	" " " " Emanuel, Newport, '59,	3 47
			May 25.	" " " " St. Luke's, E. Greenwich, '59,	3 00
			June 4.	" " " " St. John's, Providence, '59,	105 00
			June 9.	" " " " St. Mark's, Warren, '59,	17 41
			June 11.	" " " " St. Paul's, N. Providence, '59,	9 32
			June 13.	" " " " Grace Ch., Providence, '59.	58 00
				" " " " St. Stephen's, Providence, '59,	42 37
				" " " " Trinity, Newport, '59,	90 00
				" " " " St. Andrew's, Providence, '59,	19 48
			June 14.	" " " " Christ Ch., Lonsdale, '59,	8 00
				" " " " St. Michael's, Bristol, '59,	16 81
				" " " " St. Paul's, Portsmouth, '59,	3 18
				" " " " St. Paul's, Wickford, '59,	5 00
				" " " " St. Mary's, Portsmouth, '59,	3 00
				" " " " Holy Cross, Middlet'n, '59,	2 00
				" " " " Messiah, Providence, '59,	3 00
				" " " " Christ Ch., Westerly, '59,	10 00
				" " " " St. Thomas', Greeneville, '59,	5 00
				" " " " Emanuel, Manville,	1 00
		$4667 38			$4667 38

June 14, '59. Compared with the vouchers and found correct.

ROBERT H. IVES, } *For the*
GEO. LEWIS COOKE. } *Audit Committee.*

June 14, 1859. Balance from old account, $4667 00

Parishes that have not contributed.

Zion, Newport,
Ascension, Wakefield.

E. and O. E.--W. T. GRINNELL, *Treas,*

LIST OF CLERGY

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church,

IN THE

DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND,

1859.

Rt. Rev. THOMAS M. CLARK, D. D.,
Bishop and Rector of Grace Church, Prov.

Rev. GEO. ANTHONY, (Deacon,)
St. Matthew's Church, Jamestown.

Rev. B. B. BABBITT,
Residing in Providence.

Rev. L. W. BANCROFT,

Rev. W. C. BROWN,
Rector of Zion Church, Newport.

Rev. J. H. CARPENTER,
Residing at Kingstown.

Rev. B. H. CHASE,
Rector of St. Thomas' Ch., Greenville, and General Missionary.

Rev. G. W. CHEVERS, M. D.
Rector of St. Paul's Ch., Portsmouth.

Rev. EDWARD COWLEY,
Rector of Christ Church, Lonsdale.

Rev. S. A. CRANE, D. D.
Rector of St. Luke's Ch., E. Greenwich.

Rev. N. B. CROCKER, D. D.,
Rector of St. John's Church, Providence.

Rev. A. B. FLANDERS,
Rector of St. Paul's Church, Wickford.

Rev. D. L. B. GOODWIN,
Missionary of the Ch. Union, Prov.

Rev. D. HENSHAW,
Rector of St. Andrew's Ch., Prov.

Rev. D. LEACH,
Residing in Providence.

Rev. W. C. LEVERETT,
Residing in Newport.

Rev. ARTHUR MASON,
Rector of Christ Church, Westerly

Rev. E. W. MAXCY, Jr.,
Rector of St. Mark's Church, Warren.

Rev. A. G. MERCER, D. D.,
Rector of Trinity Church, Newport.

Rev. W. H. MILLS,
Rector of the Church of the Messiah Providence,—P. O. Olneyville.

Rev. ELI W. STOKES,
Officiating in Monrovia. W. Africa.

Rev. WM. STOW,
Rector of St. Michael's Ch., Bristol.

Rev. B. P. TALBOT,
Rector of St. James' Ch., Woonsocket.

Rev. GEO. TAFT,
Rector of St. Paul's Ch., N. Prov.

Rev. R. H. TUTTLE,
Rector of St. Philip's Church, Crompton.

Rev. F. J. WARNER,
Rector of St. John's Ch., Barrington.

Rev. HENRY WATERMAN, D. D.,
Rector of St. Stephen's Ch., Providence.

Rev. ELISHA F. WATSON,
Residing at Tower Hill.

Rev. HOBART WILLIAMS,
Rector of St. Mary's Ch., S. Portsmouth and Missionary at Church of the Holy Cross, Middletown.

Rev. C. WINGATE, (Deacon,)
Emanuel Church, Newport.

CANON X.

Of the Election of Lay Delegates.

Section 1. Any parish intending to be represented in this Convention, as provided for in the Fourth Article of the Constitution of the Diocese, shall choose its Delegates in a parish meeting, regularly called in conformity with the Charter and By-Laws of the parish; and in addition to the Delegates provided for in said Fourth Article, said parish shall, at the same meeting, choose four other persons, to be called substitutes, who, in the order in which they are chosen, shall be entitled to fill the place of any Delegate who may resign, or be unable to attend; and such Delegates and substitutes shall continue in office until the next annual meeting of the parish; and also until new ones shall have been chosen to take their places.

FORM OF A CERTIFICATE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF LAY DELEGATES.

At a meeting of the parish of _____ Church, _____ regularly called, in conformity with the Charter and By-Laws, on the _____ day of _____ 185 , Messrs.

were appointed as Delegates from said parish to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, to be held on the second Tuesday of June, 18 .

At the same meeting, the following persons were also appointed as substitutes;

Attest,

_____, *Warden.*

_____, *Parish Clerk.*

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

CHURCH.

Baptisms—Adults ; Infants ; Total . Confirmations, . Communicants,—added, ; died and removed, ; present number, . Sunday Schools,—Teachers, ; Scholars, . Marriages, . Burials, Missionary and charitable contributions, $

RULES OF ORDER,

AND

A STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS,

OF THE

CONVENTION OF THE CHURCH

In the Diocese of Rhode Island.

I. RULES OF ORDER.

1. When the President takes the chair no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the chair.

2. The members of the Convention shall sit in pews contiguous to one another—the delegates of each church occupying one pew.

3. No member shall absent himself from the Convention unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. All special committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

5. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not again be drawn into debate during the session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

6. When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise, and with due respect address

himself to the President, and confine himself strictly to the point in debate.

7. When two members chance to rise at the same time, the President shall determine to whom the preference shall be given; and all questions of order the President shall decide,—subject to an appeal to the Convention.

8. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

9. No motion shall be acted upon until seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

10. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private conversation to the interruption of the Convention.

11. Every member who is in the Convention when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the question, or excused by the President.

12. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to postpone, to amend, to divide, or to commit.

13. A motion for amendment or postponement shall be considered as the previous question, and be decided before the original motion.

14. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

15. The yeas and nays shall be called and entered on the minutes, when required by one-fifth of the members present.

16. At the request of the President, or on motion, the Convention may resolve itself into a committee of the whole.

17. All elections, when required by two members, shall be by ballot.

18. All other questions shall be decided *viva voce*, or by hand vote, unless a ballot be called for by two members.

19. The sittings of the Convention shall be open to all persons who choose to attend, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

20. After the first day, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning at the opening of the Convention, and, if necessary, corrected; and before the rising of the Convention, the whole proceedings of the session shall be read.

21. When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

22. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

23. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be read at the opening of every Convention, and shall be of force, unless repealed by a vote of the Convention.

II. STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS.

After the organization of the Convention as provided for by the Constitution, the following Order of Business shall be observed the first day of the session.

I. The business incident to the organization of the Convention, embracing the consideration of application of Churches or Parishes, for admission into union with the Convention; reports from special committees appointed at a preceding session of the Convention, &c.

II. Reading of the Bishop's Address.

III. Regular Annual Reports, in the following order :

1. Report from the Treasurer of the Convention.
2. Report from the Standing Committee.
3. Report from the Board of Missions.
4. Report from the Board of Education.
5. Report from the Board of Sunday Schools.
6. Report from the Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes.
7. Report from the Depository Board.
8. Report from the Board for Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.
9. Parochial Reports.

The following order of business shall be observed for the second day of the Convention.

I. Elections,—

1. Of Deputies to the General Convention.
2. Of Treasurer.
3. Of Standing Committee.
4. Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.
5. Board of Education.
6. Board of Sunday Schools.
7. Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes.
8. Board for the Relief of Widows and Orphans, &c.
9. Depository Board.
10. Miscellaneous.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SEVENTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church,

IN THE

DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND,

HELD IN

GRACE CHURCH, PROVIDENCE,

TUESDAY, 12th, and WEDNESDAY, 13th, JUNE, 1860.

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Proceedings of the Convention,

GRACE CHURCH, PROVIDENCE, }
June 12, 1860. }

This being the time and place appointed for the meeting of the Seventieth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Rhode Island, Divine Service was celebrated at 10 o'clock.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Geo. D. Wildes, of the Diocese of Massachusetts, assisted by the Rev. James H. Eames, of the Diocese of New Hampshire.

The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. S. A. Crane, D. D., Rector of St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich.

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Wm. Stow, Rector of St. Michael's Church, Bristol, from I. Cor. iii: 9: "We are laborers together with God."

The Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Crane and the Rev. Messrs. Wildes and Eames.

After the conclusion of Divine Service, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop.

A list of Clergy was presented by the Bishop, and the usual certificates by the Lay Delegates.

The following Committee on Testimonials of Clerical and Lay Delegates, was appointed by the Chair:

Rev. W. H. Mills,	G. L. Cooke,
Rev. A. B. Flanders,	W. T. Grinnell.

On motion it was

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet in the adjoining Chapel, at 4 o'clock.

On motion, the Clergy of other Dioceses, Foreign Missionaries, and candidates for orders, who might be present, were invited to honorary seats in the Convention. Of such there were present the Rev. Messrs. Hoppin, N. W. Munroe, Peck, West, Wildes and Withington, of the Diocese of Massachusetts; Eames, of New Hampshire; Gay, of Delaware; Rev. Robert Nelson, Missionary to China; F. S. Holden, Missionary to Brazil, and Mr. Edward M. Gushee.

By special invitation, the Rev. Mr. Nelson, Missionary to China, addressed the Convention on the subject of Foreign Missions, and was followed by the Rev. Mr. Wildes.

On motion, adjourned.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 4 o'clock.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

The Committee on Testimonials of Clerical and Lay Delegates, reported as follows:

Clergymen entitled to membership and the *right to vote*:

*Rev. *Geo. Anthony*,	Rev. B. H. Chase,
" Wm. C. Brown,	" G. W. Chevers, M. D.,
" *J. H. Carpenter*,	" E. Cowley,

* Those whose names are in Italics, were not present.

Rev. S. A. Crane, D. D.,	Rev. Wm. Stow;
" N. B. Crocker, D. D.	" B. P. Talbot,
" A. B. Flanders,	" Geo. Taft,
" D. L. B. Goodwin,	" R. H. Tuttle,
" D. Henshaw,	" F. J. Warner,
" D. Leach,	" H. Waterman, D. D.,
" *W. C. Leverett*,	" *E. F. Watson*,
" E. W. Maxcy, Jr.,	" H. Williams,
" A. G. Mercer, D. D.,	" C. Wingate.
" W. H. Mills,	

Clergymen entitled to seats, *without the right to vote.*

Rev. J. I. T. Coolidge,	Rev. T. L. Randolph,
" W. H. Collins,	" J. P. Tustin,
" *Wm. A. Leach*,	" C. H. Wheeler.
" L. P. W. Balch, D. D.,	

Lay Delegates and Substitutes, duly elected by their respective parishes:

PROVIDENCE COUNTY.

Places and Churches.	*Delegates.*	*Substitutes.*
Providence. St. John's,	R. H. Ives,	*Wm. Goddard*,
	Alex. Duncan,	*Seth Adams, Jr.*,
	R. M. Larned,	Amasa Paine,
	E. W Howard.	*Frank Richmond.*
Grace,	Edward Walcott,	*Wm. Hicks*,
	W. T. Grinnell,	*John C. Burrington.*
	Jno. B. Anthony,	*Edward A. Greene*,
	Wm. Grosvenor, M. D.	*Robert Manton.*
St. Stephen's,	*A. H. Okie, M. D.*,	G. Gurnett,
	W. Binney,	*W. Field*,
	E. D. Fogg,	*C. E. Whitaker*,
	R. Waterman.	*W. Burrough.*
St. Andrews,	Sam'l P. Crins,	*H. Van Doorn*,
	John W. Angell,	*M. Cary*,
	Frank Holden,	*Thos. Willis*,
	Geo. H. Lincoln.	*D. T. Hubbard.*
Church of the Messiah,	*Abram Kennon*,	*Oliver P. Allen*,
	Edward A. Hale,	*Charles F. Randall*,
	Wm. A. Arnold,	*Edward H. Chappell*,
	Jos. H. Saunders.	*Luther R. Lewis.*

Places and Churches.	*Delegates.*	*Substitutes.*
N. Providence. St. Paul's,	Daniel Hale,	*Thomas R. Dix,*
	Gideon L. Spencer,	*Thomas K. King,*
	Jos. T. Greene,	*Geo. Miller,*
	Fred. Merris.	*Geo. Booth.*
Woonsocket. St. James.	Samuel Green,	*Harden Knight,*
	Stephen N. Mason,	*A. J. Varney,*
	Lyman A. Cooke,	*J. F. Wales,*
	P. W. Lippitt,	*B. A. Slocomb.*
Lonsdale. Christ Church,	Baylies Bourn,	*James Geldard,*
	George Kilburn,	*William H. Beebe,*
	Joseph M. Ross,	*P. J. Congdon,*
	George A. Kent,	*James Hough.*
Greenville. St. Thomas,	Thomas Barnes,	*John S. Sprague,*
	H. W. King,	*George A. Smith,*
	Daniel Evans.	*William Clegg.*
	Cyrus Farnum,	*James Sykes.*

BRISTOL COUNTY.

Bristol. St. Michael's,	*Benjamin Hall,*	*William Fales,*
	J. DeW. Perry,	*R. S. Andrews,*
	Thomas F. Usher,	*Jonathan D. Waldron,*
	George F. Usher.	*L. C. Richmond.*
Warren. St. Mark's,	George Lewis Cooke,	*George G. Hazard,*
	James Gardner,	Haile Collins,
	Charles T. Child,	George H. Brown,
	Elbridge G. Wheaton.	*William H. Turner.*
Barrington. St. John's,	Henry Staples,	
	Allen Brown,	
	James A. Smith,	
	George A. Mowry.	

NEWPORT COUNTY.

Newport. Trinity,	Duncan C. Pell,	J. H. Cozzens,
	Samuel Engs.	*George C. Mason,*
	David King,	*George Hall,*
	Marshall C. Slocum.	J. Birkhead.
Zion,	*Wm. Rider,*	*Philip Rider,*
	Wm. C. Cozzen,	*Wm. Mason,*
	Wm. Card,	*John R. Stanhope. Jr.*
	William Cornell.	John N. Barlow.
Emanuel,	*John Steele,*	James Graham,
	Willard Eddy,	Philip Armstrong,
	Joseph Armstrong,	*Thomas Moore,*
	James Pearson.	Charles Stewart.

Places and Churches.	*Delegates.*	*Substitutes.*
Portsmouth. St. Paul's,	John Burrington,	*George W. A. Howard,*
	Benjamin Greene,	*John G. Childs,*
	William Barker,	*Thomas G. Potter,*
	H. H. Burrington.	*James T. Keith.*
St. Mary's,	Albert Coggeshall,	*William Bailey,*
	Robert Chase,	George DeBlois,
	John B. Gould,	William H. Gifford, Sen.
	Christopher Sherman.	*William H. Gifford, Jr.*

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Westerly. Christ Church,	*Lyndon Taylor,*	*Geo. D. Cross.*
	Rowse Babcock,	*Horace Babcock,*
	David Smith,	*H. N. Campbell,*
	E. R. Brown.	*Edwin Babcock.*
Wickford. St. Paul's,	*Wm. A. Shaw,*	A. M Thomas,
	Gideon Freeborn,	*Jas Eldred,*
	J. S. McLaughlin,	J. J. Reynolds,
	Syria H. Vaughn,	*H. N. Reynolds.*
Wakefield. Ascension,	Geo. G. Pierce,	*Thos. H. Watson,*
	Steph. A. Robinson,	*Isaac Nichols,*
	Christopher Robinson,	*Elisha Watson,*
	Atmore Robinson.	*Carder Hazard.*

KENT COUNTY.

E. Greenwich. St. Luke's,	*J. H. Eldredge, M. D.,*	*S. S. Whiting,*
	William Goddard,	*Jas. B. Pierce,*
	H. Fidler,	*E. Stanhope,*
	S. B. Wickes.	*Jas. J. Tillinghast.*
Crompton. St. Philip's,	*Henry Tiffany,*	*John Royle,*
	Jno. Campbell,	*Wm. Taylor,*
	Thos. Mehan,	*Lawrence Ashworth,*
	Wm. Prestwick.	*Jas. Cocroft.*

The Report was accepted, and the roll called.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of a Secretary. Rev. E. W. Maxcy, Jr., was unanimously re-elected.

The Rules of Order were then read by the Secretary.

The Chair appointed the following Committees :

On Finance,

R. H. Ives, S. Greene, G. Freeborn.

On Unfinished Business.

Rev. Daniel Henshaw, A. M. Thomas,
Rev. G. W. Chevers, M. D., J. B. Anthony.

On Application of New Parishes.

Rev. S. A. Crane, D. D., Rev. Wm. Stow,
William Goddard.

Rev. W. H. Mills, in behalf of the Committee appointed at the last Convention to "take into consideration the mode of electing Deputies to the General Convention, and propose any change deemed expedient," reported as follows:

The Committee appointed "to take into consideration the mode of electing Deputies to the General Convention, and propose any change deemed expedient," propose the following amendment to Article XI.:

That the words "for each candidate" near the end of the second paragraph, be stricken out; and that at the end of the paragraph, the following sentence be inserted: "In case any two members of the Convention shall demand it, the ballot shall be taken upon each candidate separately."

The Report was approved, and lies over to the next Convention.

The Committee on the Application of New Parishes, reported in favor of the admission of the Church of the Redeemer, Providence. The Report was accepted, and the Church received. The names of the Delegates were called, and those who were present took their seats in the Convention.

The following list was received:

Delegates.	*Substitutes.*
James H. Clapp,	*Wm. A. Harlow*,
Edwin G. Angell,*	*Oren Westcott*,
Charles S. Carder,	Geo. D. Briggs,
Henry T. Chace.	*Thomas Caffrey.*

The Bishop then delivered his annual

*Those whose names are in Italics, were not present.

ADDRESS:

It now devolves upon me to deliver my sixth annual address to the Convention. Since we last met together, I have had the pleasure of attending another triennial meeting of the General Convention of the Church, at which time I participated in the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Henry B. Whipple, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Minnesota.

In the early part of the present century, a small body of men, representing a few feeble Dioceses, met from time to time in the city of New York or Philadelphia; but their transactions excited little attention, inasmuch as the Church of which they were the counsellors was one of the smallest and least conspicuous of all our Christian denominations. The venerable Rector of St. John's Church in this city has outlived all the clerical and lay Deputies attending the Conventions of 1808 and 1811; at which time, as he informs me, there was only one other Episcopal clergyman beside himself officiating in Rhode Island. The most hopeful and ardent friend of the church would then have hardly anticipated that within half a century, such a multitude would gather from the North and the South, and the East and the West, as we have seen assembled at our General Convention in Richmond. Every State in the Union had its official Deputies there; hundreds of clergymen and thousands of laymen poured in, not only from the neighboring country, but from the most remote sections of the Union; politicians of the most diverse and opposite parties grounded their arms and clasped hands together under the banner of the Prince of Peace; rival candidates for the Senate, I might say for the Presidential chair, sat in the same pew, and voted in the same way; torrents of California eloquence dashed against the impassive granite of New England argument; territories not yet formed into States, asked to be recognized as duly organized Dioceses, sending as full a delegation as our old Atlantic sections; and five new Bishops were added to the Episcopal order.

It is, I believe, the first time that an ecclesiastic body ever met in one of our Southern States, in which every member of our great political confederacy had its representatives. And still further, there has never been gathered in one council so many Protestant Bishops since the Reformation; of all who hold jurisdiction within the United States, there were only two absent.

And now I shall speak very briefly of some of the most striking features that marked the deliberations of this great assembly. In the first place, there was no election made and no measure passed, where the lines of party could be distinguished as a governing principle of the decision. In this respect, a very marked contrast could not fail to be noticed, as compared with the proceedings of former days. I have attended Conventions of the Church, where you could tell beforehand, with almost unerring accuracy, just how on every great question, the various Dioceses would stand in the final ballot. Every

important nomination was instantly met by a counter-nomination, and measures were decided, not so much by their intrinsic merit, as by their probable bearing upon the success and advancement of this or the other party. But now the time seems to have come, when men are no longer willing to be harnessed together and driven hither and thither, according to the wish or prejudice of ambitious leaders; *individual* discrimination and individual will come into free play, and in the spirit of a generous confidence, men professing to believe in one Lord, one faith and one baptism, are ready to trust each other, and so are able to work in harmony.

I regard it as a very hopeful indication that we thus seem to be reaching a substantial unity of sentiment, "not by constraint, but willingly," not through the mechanical drill of party action, but by the more liberal and discriminating exercise of private judgment. This hearty and free consent is the only unity worth having; recognizing those differences of sentiment and taste which are inevitable as long as men retain their differences of temperament, and being content to agree in those essentials of the faith in respect of which there is no room for honest variation of opinion.

Another fact in the proceedings of our late Convention, I noticed with great pleasure—our statute-book has been encumbered with no additional restrictive laws, likely to impede the advancement of the Church, and restrain the reasonable liberty of her ministers. I speak of this with much gratification, because there has been in former days a tendency to over-legislation in our general councils; sometimes encroaching upon what would be called in civil politics, "State Rights," or, as we should term it, "Diocesan privilege;" sometimes prescribing modes of action, or forbidding action, with a degree of complicated minuteness, which perhaps defeats itself, the complicated nature of the laws rendering it impracticable to execute them. All this species of legislation, in our recent session, has met with no general favor; and we would give the Convention credit not less for what it refused to do, than for what it actually did. The benefit of having two co-ordinate branches of legislation, each with a power of veto upon the acts of the other, was never more apparent than in the restraint thus exercised during the last Convention. And here it is somewhat singular to note that, in all matters affecting freedom of action and the reasonable adaptation of the Church to the times, the House of Bishops have manifested a greater readiness to meet the actual emergencies about us, and to relieve the Church of superfluous obstructions, than even the *Laity* of the other House seemed disposed to do.

Another encouraging feature in this Convention was the manifest tendency to recognize the *practical uses* of the Church, as of equal importance with the abstract theories that prevail of her constitution and policy. Never has the subject of Christian missions received so much attention and engaged so much of the time and talent of our legislators. The various reports of our Boards and of the societies connected with our communion have been remarkably full and

satisfactory. They show a great increase in the number of our missionaries, domestic and foreign, and a corresponding enlargement of contributions. Not that we are doing one tithe of what we might and ought to do; but, when we consider that half a century ago, there was not a mission of any sort recognized by our Church, not one missionary in the field, and not one dollar given to send the gospel to those who are sitting in darkness, the fact that we have now hundreds of missionaries in the field, and hundreds of thousands of dollars contributed to sustain them in their work, furnishes cause for gratitude to the quickening spirit, which has prompted our ministers and people to recognize, in some good degree, the last charge of Jesus to his disciples: "Go, preach the gospel to every creature." The interest in this great work reached its culminating point on a certain day, when, after a unanimous resolve to send out two new Missionary Bishops, one to the great territory of the South-west, reaching to the semi-barbarous regions of New Mexico, and the other to the almost boundless North-west, embracing in its reach the worse than barbarous Territory of Utah, the whole congregation spontaneously sprang to their feet, and burst forth with one heart and one voice, in the song, "Gloria in excelsis." It was like the sound of many waters, and I doubt not, the angels, who sang the same song on the morning of the nativity, heard and responded to it in Heaven.

On the 6th of July, 1859, I was present at the quarterly meeting of the Convocation, held in Greenville, preached and confirmed one person.

On the 13th of July, I laid the corner-stone of the Church of the Redeemer, Providence; and on the 23d of December, the same was solemnly consecrated to the worship of God. This Church is beautiful for its simplicity and accurate proportions; and with its neatly finished grounds, it is an ornament to the street in which it stands.

On the 21st of September, I admitted Mr. William Henry Collins to the Holy Order of Deacons, in St. Mark's Church, Warren. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Warner. Mr. Collins is now prosecuting his studies, under the direction of Mr. Warner, with the intention of applying for Priests' Orders, and meanwhile officiates from time to time, whenever his services are needed.

On Sunday, October 6th, preached in St. John's Church, Barrington, and confirmed six.

On the 6th of November, I admitted the Rev. Arthur Mason to the Holy Order of Priests, in Grace Church, Providence. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Henshaw. Mr. Mason was, for a time, Rector of Christ Church, Westerly, but has recently taken letters dimissory to the Diocese of Massachusetts.

On the 22d of November, at my request, Bishop Williams ordained Mr. J. H. Gilliatt as Deacon, in Christ Church, Pomfret, Conn.

On Sunday, November 27th, I admitted Mr. J. P. Tustin, formerly a minister of the Baptist denomination, to the Holy Order of Deacons, in Grace Church, Providence. The candidate was presented by the

Rev. Mr. Goodwin. Mr. Tustin officiates during the present season, in Grace Church, Newton Corner, Mass.

On the 8th of March, I admitted the Rev. Charles Wingate and the Rev. William C. Leverett to the Holy Order of Priests, in Emanuel Church, Newport. The candidates were presented by the Rev. Mr. Brown.

On the 14th of March, I admitted the Rev. J. I. T. Coolidge to the Holy Order of Priests, in Grace Church, Providence. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Dr. Crocker. The Bishop of Massachusetts kindly consented to preach on this occasion.

On Sunday, April 1st, I preached in the Church of the Redeemer, Providence, and confirmed eighteen.

On the 11th of April, at the quarterly meeting of the Convocation in Bristol, I preached, and confirmed two.

On the morning of the same day, in the presence of a large assembly of Clergy and Laity, I laid the corner-stone of the new St. Michael's Church. The Rev. Mr. Stow, Rector of St. Michael's, read a condensed and interesting sketch of the history of this venerable parish; the Rev. Dr. Howe, of Philadelphia, followed in a strain of solemn and pleasant reminiscence, running through the ministry of Bishop Griswold, the Rev. Messrs. Bristed, Cooke and Trapnell, and covering the whole period of time during which the Church existed which has recently been destroyed by fire. The occasion is one to be remembered with great pleasure and gratitude.

On Sunday, April 15th, I confirmed fifteen in Grace Church, Providence. In the evening of the same day, I preached and confirmed ten in the Church of the Messiah, Olneyville. This Church is in a more prosperous condition than ever, and it is greatly to be desired that the effort now in progress for improving the spacious but somewhat unsightly edifice may prove successful.

On the 17th of April, preached and confirmed eight persons in Christ Church, Lonsdale.

On Sunday, April 22d, at the request of the Provisional Bishop of New York, I instituted the Rev. D. R. Brewer into the Rectorship of St. Paul's Church, Yonkers.

On Sunday, the 29th, preached and confirmed thirteen in St. Andrew's Church, Providence.

On Tuesday, May 1st, preached in St. Philip's Church, Crompton. There were no persons confirmed, but this Parish appears to be in a better condition than it has been for years.

On the 3d of May, preached and confirmed three in St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich.

On Sunday, the 7th, preached and confirmed seven in St. John's Church, Providence.

On the 8th of May, preached and confirmed three persons in St. Thomas' Church, Greenville; making four confirmed during the year.

On the 9th, preached and confirmed fifteen in St. James' Church, Woonsocket.

On the morning of Sunday, the 13th, I preached, and confirmed seven in St. John's Church, Barrington; making thirteen confirmed during the year. All that was said last year of the success of this infant Parish is fully warranted up to the present point. The spacious grounds about the church have been beautifully adorned, and when the edifice is entirely finished, according to the present design, the whole will form a most attractive feature in the landscape.

In the afternoon, preached in St. Mark's Church, Warren, and confirmed two persons; and in the evening preached in Bristol and confirmed seven, making nine for the year. The rising walls of St. Michael's already indicate how spacious and beautiful a structure is to be erected upon the site of the three churches which, one after another, have occupied the same spot.

On Wednesday morning, the 16th, I preached in the Church of the Ascension, Wakefield, and confirmed four; and in the evening preached in St. Paul's Church, Wickford, and confirmed one. We were favored on this occasion with the presence and aid of the Rev. Mr. Burge, who, for so many years, ministered to the Narragansett churches.

On Sunday evening, the 20th, I preached in St. Paul's Church, Pawtucket, and confirmed fourteen. Our venerable brother, the Rector of this Church, after a ministry of forty years, finds the field which he has so long cultivated, greener and more productive than ever. In the death of Mrs. Slater, St. Paul's Church has lost a strong and faithful friend; and one whose place cannot easily be supplied. By her Will, this venerable lady has made liberal bequests to our General Domestic and Foreign Missions, and to the Convention of this Diocese.

On the evening of the 22nd, I preached in Emanuel Church, Manville. This parish has been for some time without Pastoral supervision, but the services have been continued on Sundays through the faithful efforts of Mr. Burlingame, who has officiated as lay-reader. I trust that this Church, connected with the past history of which there are so many cherished and tender associations, may not remain any longer without a Rector. The Rev. Mr. Goodwin has consented to officiate there for a few weeks, and the prospects are more favorable than they have been for years.

On Sunday morning, the 27th, I preached in Trinity Church, Newport, and confirmed four. The Rev. Dr. Mercer has recently resigned the Rectorship of this Church. In the afternoon preached in Emanuel Church, Newport, and confirmed ten. In the evening preached in Zion Church, and confirmed two.

I was prevented from keeping my appointment at Jamestown on the following day, but I hope soon to visit that parish.

On Monday, June 4th, preached in St. Paul's Church, North Portsmouth.

On the morning of the 5th, preached in the Church of the Holy Cross, Middletown; and in the afternoon, preached in St. Mary's Church, South Portsmouth, and confirmed one person in private.

The Rev. Dr. Balch renders gratuitous services during a portion of the year at the Church of the Holy Cross, which greatly relieves the clergyman in charge of St. Mary's, and his ministrations are highly appreciated by the people at large.

On Saturday, the 9th, preached in St. Stephen's Church, Providence, and confirmed four. Before another Convention, we hope to record the Consecration of the stately and beautifnl Church which this parish is now erecting.

On Sunday, the 10th, I preached in St. Peter's Church, Johnston. The Rev. Mr. Randolph, late of the Diocese of Vermont, has assumed the charge of this parish, in connection with a family school for boys, where they may be trained in sound learning and in the pure principles of the Christian faith. I commend his plans to the consideration and patronage of the members of our Convention.

On Sunday evening, I visited again the Church of the Redeemer, Providence, preached and confirmed twelve, making in all thirty confirmed during the present season. It is very evident that the establishment of this new Church in the Northern part of the city, was most expedient and timely. Its success has exceeded the most sanguine expectations of its friends, and those who so liberally contributed to build the Church of the Redeemer, may well rejoice when they see how the Lord has blessed the faithful labors of its Rector.

The Rev. John P. Hubbard has taken the Rectorship of Christ Church, Westerly; at his request, I have deferred my visitation to that parish for a few weeks.

I have visited the Berkeley School, in Newport, under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Leverett, and most cordially commend this Institution to all who desire for their children a thorough and symmetrical training.

Of those who were reported last year as Candidates for Holy Orders, three have been admitted to Deacon's Orders, viz: William Henry Collins, John H. Gilliatt, and J. P. Tustin. Walter B. Noyes has withdrawn his name for the present, on account of his impaired health. There are four Candidates remaining on the list: George B. Allen, Edward M. Gushee, Leander C. Manchester, and Daniel Goodwin. There are several young men in the earlier stages of preparation for the Ministry.

There have been seven persons ordained during the last year; three admitted to the Order of Deacons and four to that of Priests. The corner-stone of one Church has been laid, and one new Church consecrated. The whole number confirmed is one hundred and sixty-nine.

The following changes have been made in our list of Clergy: The Rev. B. B. Babbitt and the Rev. Arthur Mason have been transferred to the Diocese of Massachusetts; the Rev. L. W. Bancroft, and the Rev. J. H. Gilliatt, to Connecticut; and the Rev. E. W. Stokes, to the jurisdiction of the Missionary Bishop in West Africa. The Rev. J. I. T. Coolidge and the Rev. Charles H. Wheeler have been received from the Diocese of Massachusetts; the Rev. William H. Leach, from

New York; the Rev. L. P. W. Balch, D. D., from Maryland; the Rev. T. L. Randolph, from Vermont.

The number of stations at present receiving aid from the Convocation is small. This is owing not so much to the fact that our funds are deficient, for we close the year with a surplus of money on hand, but rather to the impossibility of finding men who are willing to labor in the more remote and less attractive districts of the State. It is not to be expected that the rapid and substantial growth of the Church in Rhode Island, which has attended the labors of the Convocation in former days, should ever be known again, because all the larger towns and villages are now occupied by the Church, and the multiplication of feeble parishes is not at all to be desired. What we most need is a little band of earnest, devoted, self-denying missionaries, who will go from place to place, holding services from time to time in the smaller manufacturing villages, organizing Sunday Schools, visiting the people from house to house, instructing them in the doctrines and usages of our Communion, and pressing home upon them the solemn obligations of religion. There is heathen ground to be cultivated within our own borders, and such labors as these would result in incalculable good.

The Standing Committee reported as follows:

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Rhode Island, in the discharge of their duty, respectfully submit their Annual Report to the Convention now in session:

The first meeting after their appointment in June last, was held at the office of the Secretary, on Friday, the sixteenth day of September, 1859; all the members were present except Alexander Duncan, Esq.

The Committee organized by the election of Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D., President, and Edward Walcott, Secretary.

At this meeting the testimonials of the following persons applying for Holy Orders were presented, read and approved:

Of Daniel Goodwin, for Holy Orders:
Of Rev. Arthur Mason, for Priests' Orders;
Of William Henry Collins, for Deacon's Orders.

The above were respectively recommended to the Bishop as Candidates for the Orders designated, and the required certificates were signed and forwarded.

The second meeting was held at the same place on Saturday, the nineteenth of November. Rev. George Taft presided.

The testimonials in favor of John H. Gilliatt applying for Deacon's Orders were received, read, and approved; he was accordingly recommended a candidate for the Diaconate, and the canonical testimonials signed and forwarded to the Bishop.

The third meeting of the Committee was held at the Secretary's office, on the 26th day of November.

The testimonials of Josiah Phillips Tustin, applying for Deacon's Orders, were presented, read and approved.

On motion, *Voted*, That Josiah Phillips Tustin be recommended a candidate for the Diaconate. The required certificate was signed and forwarded to Bishop Clark.

The fourth meeting of the Committee was held at the office of the Secretary, on Thursday, January 26, 1860, Dr. Crocker in the Chair, and a quorum of members present.

The canonical testimonials of the Rev. Charles Wingate, Rev. William C. Leverett, and Rev. James I. T. Coolidge, applying for Priests' Orders, were received and approved.

On motion, *Voted*, That the Rev. Charles Wingate, Rev. William C. Leverett, and the Rev. James I. T. Coolidge be recommended to the Bishop as candidates for the Sacred Order of Priests. The canonical testimonials were signed and forwarded.

The fifth meeting of the Committee was specially called at the request of the Bishop, on Friday, May 4th, 1860, at the house of Dr. Crocker, all the members present except Alex. Duncan.

The Bishop, desiring the advice of the Committee, laid before them the correspondence and facts in relation to certain difficulties in the Churches at Newport, on the subject of opening the house or chapel known as All-Saints Chapel. After maturely considering the whole subject, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the Bishop and of the Standing Committee, acting unanimously, it is inexpedient that the Chapel in the city of Newport, known as All-Saints Chapel, should be opened for public service until after the meeting of the Diocesan Convention in June next; at which time it is presumed that action will be taken on the subject of parochial boundaries.

The sixth meeting was convened at the request of Bishop Clark on Saturday, the twelfth day of May, all the members present except Dr. Crane and Alex. Duncan, Esq.

The Bishop was present and presented the petition of the Wardens and Vestry of a new Parish proposed to be established in the city of Newport. The papers were read, and after a full discussion of the subject, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the gentlemen petitioning for the organization of a new Parish in the city of Newport, are respectfully desired to withdraw their request for the present, in order to allow the Rector of Zion Church, and the Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Church, who have protested against the opening of the chapel known as All-Saints Chapel, also to withdraw their protest for the present, which they are hereby earnestly and affectionately requested to do.

Certified copies were forwarded to each of the parties above-named.

The seventh meeting was called at the request of the Bishop on the

seventeenth of May, at the house of Dr. Crocker. The Bishop laid before the Committee, communications from the Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Church, and from Christ's Church, respectfully declining to withdraw their protest and application for the organization of a new Parish in the city of Newport, and the latter renewing their petition for the formation of a new Parish Church, (Christ's Church). The papers having been read and the question discussed, the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The establishment of a fourth Episcopal Parish in the city of Newport does not seem to be demanded by the necessities of the case, as there is already ample accommodation for all who are disposed to attend upon the services of our Church in that place, and in the opinion of the Bishop and Standing Committee, the success of another Parish can be attained only by the serious and permanent injury of the three Churches now existing, it is

Resolved, That with great respect for the gentlemen who have petitioned for the canonical consent of the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese to the formation of a new Parish, the Bishop and Standing Committee feel constrained to withhold their consent, and the petitioners accordingly have leave to withdraw their request.

On motion, the following Address to the Churchmen of Newport, was unanimously adopted:

The Bishop and Standing Committee cannot announce the conclusion to which they have been compelled to come in regard to the Petition for a new Parochial organization in Newport, without expressing their deep regret that their efforts to produce conciliation between the contending parties in our Churches, have failed to meet with a favorable response. It is their only desire to secure, if possible, the peace and prosperity of the Church, and they now beg leave to submit to the Churchmen of Newport, the following propositions:

First—That an effort be made to purchase the building known as "All-Saints Chapel," under the condition that the title of the same shall be vested in the Convention of the Diocese.

Second—The right to determine when, and under what regulations, this Chapel shall be opened for Divine service, to rest with the Bishop of the Diocese, and the Rectors and Wardens of the three Episcopal Churches in Newport.

Third—The transfer of the Chapel, if purchased under the abovementioned conditions, to be made on the first of October, 1860, and meanwhile all hindrances to its being opened and occupied by the Reverend Dr. Mercer, for Divine service, shall be withdrawn.

By this plan the Reverend Gentleman will be reimbursed for the outlay and expenditure incurred, and this relief we consider justly and equitably due to him. It frees the Chapel of the objectionable feature that it is held as private property, liable to be occupied by its owner to the pecuniary injury of the Parishes already established in Newport, and at the same time, it may be made to provide for a real

necessity during a portion of the year. Under this arrangement, it may recur to its original position as a Free Chapel, or the resources accruing from it may be applied to the benefit of the existing Parishes or be otherwise disposed of, as may be deemed expedient. Finally, this plan, if adopted, would indicate a spirit of conciliation towards the Reverend Dr. Mercer and his friends, on the part of those who have thus far stood in opposition to their wishes and their claims.

A meeting of the Standing Committee was held at the Chapel of Grace Church, on Tuesday, June 12.

An application having been made by a number of persons in the city of Providence, for permission to organize a new Parish in said city, to be called the Church of the Redeemer, and the Bishop having approved of said organization, it was, on motion,

Voted, That this Committee advise and consent to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD WALCOTT,

Secretary.

Providence, June 12, 1860.

The Report of the Treasurer was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Board of Missions presented the following Report, which was read and accepted:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

In presenting the statement required by Canon, the Board of Missions respectfully report, that, since the last Convention, there have been meetings of the Convocation in St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, the Church of the Messiah, and St. Andrew's Church, Providence, and St. Michael's Church, Bristol.

The stations aided were Burrillville; the Church of the Messiah, Providence; the Valley of the Pawtuxet, and Narragansett Pier. The last named station was established during the past year. The others have been on the list quite a long time.

A Missionary was appointed to St. Peter's Church, Johnston, at the meeting in September, but declined.

A Missionary was also appointed, to officiate in North and South Scituate, at the last Annual meeting; but he, likewise, declined.

The Rev. T. L. Randolph, who was the first Missionary in that field, has recently accepted an appointment to labor in Johnston.

Owing to the impossibility of procuring men for the work, Burrillville still continues in charge of the Rev. Mr. Chase, of Greenville, and the new Mission in Scituate remains vacant.

Two devoted female members of the Church, residing in South

Scituate, during a part of the last year, conducted a Sunday School which they themselves established. They have recently been soliciting from friends of the Church funds to aid in building a Church at Richmond Mills. Such success has attended this and their other laudable efforts in the same cause, that there is good reason to hope that we will soon have a Church at this point. The Lord, whom they serve, will surely reward their faith and patience.

We have no interesting facts to communicate; but must still complain of a lack of men and means, and bitterly mourn over the apparent apathy on the part of both clergy and laity with reference to the great work of Missions in our Diocese.

The Board of Sunday Schools presented the following Report, which was read and received:

REPORT OF BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Board of Sunday Schools, in making their Report to the Convention, will not enter into anything like a detailed statement of the benefits which the world and the Church derive from Sunday Schools. Such a body as that which has appointed us upon this Board ought to be, and we will take it for granted are, fully sensible of the many and great blessings which have attended upon Sunday School instruction.

A very large proportion of the disciples of our blessed Saviour can trace their Christian hope and character, in a great measure, to the influence of this honored institution; and hundreds of those who minister at the altars of the Church in our own land would, humanly speaking, never have been even gathered into the fold had it not been for this favored instrumentality.

Far be it from us to say one word which would seem to imply that Sunday School instruction may be substituted for the public services of the Church, or for constant religious instruction at home. No! Every child should receive from its parents personal Christian training, week by week, and day by day, and should from its earliest years be taught the duty of worshipping God in His Sanctuary.

Nevertheless, even when this part of a child's education is not neglected, proper instruction in the Sunday School will be highly beneficial. And when we think of the vast number of children who have not Christian parents to instruct and guide them in the right way—who have no homes, or no one at home who has any proper care for their souls, we cannot estimate the value of faithful Sunday School instruction.

The members of the Board have had considerable experience in Sunday Schools, both as pupils and teachers. Moreover, their interest in the great work has led them to make quite extensive observation and inquiry as to the management of Sunday Schools, and the success which has attended upon them in different places and under various circumstances.

Supposing the object for which they were appointed was to present such statements and make such suggestions as their consideration of the subject might lead them to believe would be of service to their brethren in prosecuting this part of their Christian work, they venture to express their very decided opinion upon some important points connected with the management of Sunday Schools. In doing so, they are aware that, probably, many of you are already fully alive to the importance of these matters.

I. The first point they call attention to is the position of the *Rector* or *Pastor* with reference to the Sunday School in his Parish.

The lambs of the flock are a most important part of his charge. Indeed, there is no part of it more important, if there is any so much so as this.

The care of the "little ones"—their religious training—deserves and should have his constant and prayerful attention. The Sunday School, therefore, should be under his direct control. All the officers in it should be appointed by him. He is responsible to God for the proper management of this portion of his charge, and, therefore, must select his own assistants. No officer in the School, from the Superintendent down, should be allowed excepting with his sanction. It is highly important that he should visit the School as frequently as possible—as an encouragement to the teachers and children, and that he may give such counsel and direction as may be desired or needed. It is highly important, also, that he should give frequent and regular catechetical instruction to the children, and that this should be done, occasionally at least, as the Rubric in the Prayer Book directs, "openly in the Church."

We are of opinion that there should be as often as once in each month, (better that it should be *weekly,)* a service in the Church which shall be known as especially "the children's service;" when there shall be a sermon or address to the children, in connection with catechetical instruction. We would have this service not in addition to the regular services, but in the place of one of them. It may be made both interesting and profitable to adults although primarily designed for children. In at least one of the most vigorous Parishes in the Church there is no sermon preached at the afternoon service on any Lord's Day; but the children are catechised and addressed after Evening Prayer. The good fruit resulting in this case is the gathering of a large number of the young into the band of Communicants, and a Church crowded with old and young, Sunday after Sunday, at this service. The adult portion of the congregation on these occasions learn much which it is highly important for them to know, besides encouraging teachers and children by their presence.

II. The officer in the Sunday School who ranks next in importance to the Rector, is *the Superindendent.* He should be a man of undoubted piety; one who can command respect; a lover of children; and one prompt and energetic in action.

When it is impossible for the Rector to give his personal supervi-

sion to the School, the Superintendent should have the entire direction of all the subordinate officers of the School. He should arrange all the classes, see that proper order is preserved, and have a care that no book of instruction is used excepting such as the Rector has approved. In a word, he should have, as his name implies, the general superintendence of the affairs of the School. Of course, he should be in constant communication with the Rector in order that everything may be conducted in accordance with his views, who is the responsible head of the Parish, and to whom its entire spiritual charge is committed.

III. The *Librarian* should be a person of decision; yet he should be gentle. The management of his department should be strictly methodical.

We would urge the importance of greater care than is frequently used in the admission of books to the Library. The custom of receiving any books which kind friends may be disposed to present, or of suffering the teachers to select such books as their judgment or fancy may dictate, is, in the opinion of the Board, highly improper. A slight examination of many of our Sunday School libraries will satisfy any mind competent to form a correct judgment about such matters, that this most important portion of our Sunday School machinery, is managed with great carelessness. No book should be admitted without the Rector's distinct approval, or the approval of such person or persons as he may appoint.

IV. Another important officer in our larger Sunday Schools is the *Secretary*, whose duty it is to record the names, ages, and places of residence of all children admitted to the School, and the date of their admission—also the names of all the teachers; to notice all changes in the School, all removals from the School, together with their cause, and any other facts or incidents of interest—besides distributing the papers and books of instruction under the Superintendent's direction.

V. The *Teachers* should be communicants of the Church, and persons of established religious character. They should also be of mature age. It is much to be lamented that so large a proportion of our Teachers are of such immature years. It would be far better if many of those who are now teaching, would attend as scholars in a Bible Class connected with the School, where they could, in a few years, become well qualified to instruct others. We are aware that it is necessary in some cases that Sunday School teaching should be committed to those who are by no means so well qualified for the work as we could desire. Still, we are persuaded that, in a large number of cases where those too young and inexperienced are now employed, others older and better fitted for the work should, and we think, could be found if *their duty, as members of the body of Christ*, to these "little ones," were pressed directly and forcibly upon them. *It, undoubtedly, is the duty of many who are not now engaged in this work to enter upon it; and they should, if possible, be made to feel that it is so.*

Teachers should be regular and punctual in their attendance at the School. Negligence in this respect has a most disastrous effect upon the members of their classes, as well as upon the School generally. They should be impressed with the responsibility of their position and devoted to the work. They should ever remember that it is impossible to estimate their influence for good or evil over the children committed to their charge. Wo be to that teacher whose only care is to get through, in some way, with the time allotted for the Sunday School exercises!

The work should be upon the mind of the teacher during the whole week. He should prepare carefully for his Sunday work—visit the children and their parents, converse with them, and, in the privacy of his closet, pray for God's blessing upon his efforts to do good.

Teachers' meetings, at which the Rector or Superintendent presides, may be made important helpers in the work.

VI. *Anniversaries*, also, are very interesting and useful agencies in promoting the welfare of the School. We cannot dwell upon this subject now, however. Yet we would earnestly recommend that they be held during one of the great Festival Seasons of the Church; in order that the leading facts in the history of our Redemption may be impressed more deeply upon the youthful mind, and that the young may be led, in their early days, to see and feel the beauty and excellence of the church system.

Our congregations should contribute liberally to make these anniversaries occasions of rejoicing and profit to all.

We refrain from saying anything with regard to missionary contributions further than to urge the importance of cultivating a missionary spirit in the young, and of leading them to make willing offerings for the great work of converting the world—carefully avoiding everything that would encourage a spirit of jealousy, or envy, or unhallowed pride.

The Board trust that it is unnecessary for them to urge the importance of having the books of instruction and those of the library of a decidedly Churchly character.

In conclusion, the Board will give an extract from the minute book of the Sunday School Association of the church to which they particularly referred in a previous part of this report. "The Sunday School Association of ——— church shall consist of the clergy connected with the Parish, the Superintendents, Librarian, Secretary, and male and female teachers. Its object is to give increased efficiency to Sunday School instruction—1st, By engaging a larger number of teachers in the religious training of the young. 2d, By gathering from that portion of the city which comes properly under the influence of this Parish those who are now neglected, and bringing them into the Sunday School and the church. 3d, By introducing a more systematic mode of instruction. 4th, By regular monthly meetings for the reception of reports, for mutual counsel and sympathy, and especially for prayer to God that His blessing may rest upon their labors. To carry out these objects, we the undersigned, acknowledging our duty

as the Church's children to extend Her influence and to make known to others the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, hereby undertake to carry forward this work, and promise — 1st, That, as we have the opportunity, we will endeavor to bring the young, especially the poor and neglected, under the religious teaching of the church. 2d, That we will engage in their instruction under the direction of the Rector. 3d, That we will visit, at least monthly, all the children in our respective classes — and, in cases of absence, will, by personal attention, ascertain the cause, and strive to insure punctuality and regularity of attendance. 4th, That we will attend the monthly meetings of the association and present our reports regularly to the superintendent."

NOTE. The Board would be glad to receive a particular statement of the condition of every Sunday School in the Diocese, and any interesting facts connected with their history. Communications may be addressed to Rev. Daniel Henshaw, Providence.

There were reported in the last Convention journal, 352 teachers, 2665 scholars. No report from three churches.

The following Report of the Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes was received and accepted :

To the Convention of the P. E. Church in Rhode Island.

The Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes beg leave respectfully to report :

That the only matter of interest that has transpired during the Conventional year, is the disposal of the Church Lands at Tower Hill. The sum of thirteen hundred twenty-five dollars has been received and is now drawing interest. This sale settles a long and tedious matter that has perplexed the Board for years.

Respect. submitted,

W. T. GRINNELL, *Sec. and Treas.*

Providence, June 12, 1860.

The Depository Board presented the following Report, which was received and adopted :

REPORT OF THE DEPOSITORY BOARD.

The Depository Board respectfully report to the Convention, That the amount of Books, Tracts, and Periodicals, sold at the Depository during the past year, has been something less than nineteen (1900) dollars, — a slight falling off from the amount of sales reported last year. The stock now on hand is valued at $933.81.

While the Board regret that they cannot report, in behalf of this institution, a more growing prosperity, they are satisfied that it has been the means of accomplishing no small measure of good, and they

would renew the expression of their hope, that the members of our Church throughout the Diocese may give a better attention to its claims on their patronage, — especially when replenishing their Parish and Sunday School libraries.

The Depository has been as much indebted, as in previous years, to the gratuitous and unwearied services of Capt. Amasa Paine. The Board desire to put on record again, their best acknowledgments of his patient, indispensable oversight.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Fund for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolution was presented :

Resolved, That the portion of the Report of the Standing Committee having reference to the defining of Parish boundaries, or parochial cures, be referred to a committee to consider the subject and report as early as practicable during the present session of the Convention, what if any action is deemed advisable under the new Digest of Canons of the General Convention.

The resolution was on motion adopted, and

Rev. B. P. Talbot,	A. M. Thomas,
" F. J. Warner,	J. DeW. Perry,

were appointed the Committee.

The Bishop was subsequently added as Chairman to the Committee.

The following extract from the will of Mrs. Esther Slater, late of North Providence, deceased, was read :

" I give and bequeath to ' the Rhode Island Episcopal State Convention for missionary and other purposes,' the sum of *one thousand dollars*, to be raised out of my real estate hereinafter devised, and paid by the devisees of said real estate under the direction of my executors within one year after my decease."*

In connection with the foregoing, the following preamble and resolutions were on motion adopted :

Whereas, This Convention has received information of the donation to it of certain property by Mrs. Esther Slater, late of North Providence, deceased, it is

Resolved, That this Convention accepts the same.

*The above bequest will be due and payable Jan. 1, 1861.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee be appointed a Committee to receive and invest the same.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, for Morning Prayer, in the Church, and resume the business of the Convention in the chapel immediately afterwards.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, June 13, 1860.
9 o'clock.

The Convention assembled in Grace Church according to to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. B. P. Talbot, of St. James' Church, Woonsocket.

Immediately after the conclusion of Divine Service, the Convention met in the adjoining chapel.

The roll was called, and the records of the preceding day read and accepted.

On motion, the vote of yesterday by which the Standing Committee were appointed a Committee to receive and invest the bequest of Mrs. Esther Slater, late of North Providence, deceased, was reconsidered, and the Treasurer of the Convention was appointed a Committee to act in that capacity under the direction of the Standing Committee.

On motion, the order of the day was deferred in order to allow the Rev. Dr. Mercer, of Newport, to present the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Parish Boundaries be requested to report such proviso to any scheme or canon they may present — or such a recommendation, in case they fail to advise any legislation, as will remove the chapel called All Saints' in Newport, out of any Parish bounds in that city.

On motion, the above resolution was laid on the table, in order that the report of the Committee on Parish Boundaries might be presented.

That Committee reported as follows:

The Committee appointed to consider that part of the Report of the Standing Committee on the subject of parochial boundaries and the organization of new parishes, respectfully report that they have considered the same and find the canon of the General Convention relating to the subject, adequate to every contingency. It recognizes the oneness of the Christian spirit, purpose, and work, and wisely leaves the determining of conflicting claims and local questions to the judgment and discretion of the Bishop and Standing Committee.

This course your Committee regard as eminently wise and conducive to peace, and they therefore recommend that no further action be taken.

The report was, on motion, received, and it was

Voted, That the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

Mr. E. W. Howard was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

The following persons were appointed the *Standing Committee* for the ensuing year:

Rev.	N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	Resolved Waterman,
"	Geo. Taft,	Edward Walcott,
"	H. Waterman, D. D.,	Alexander Duncan,
"	S. A. Crane, D. D.,	Geo. Lewis Cooke.

The following were elected the

Board of Education.

Rev.	N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	E. W. Howard,
"	W. H. Mills,	Wm. Grosvenor.

The following were elected the

Board of Sunday Schools.

Rev.	D. Henshaw,	E. W. Howard,
"	W. Stow,	R. M. Larned.

The following were appointed the

Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes.

W. T. Dorrance,	Amasa Manton,
Alexander Duncan,	W. T. Grinnell,

The following were elected the

Board of Fund for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.

Alexander Duncan,	Resolved Waterman.
W. T. Grinnell,	Edward Walcott.

The following were appointed the

Depository Board.

Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	E. W. Howard,
" Henry Waterman, D. D.,	Edward Walcott.

The Report of the Committee on Finance in relation to Current Expenses of the Convention with the appended resolution was presented, and, on motion, was referred back to the Committee.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported the following substitute for Art. VII of the Constitution as having been approved at the last Convention and laid over for the action of this body:

ARTICLE VII.

New Parishes may, by a vote of the Convention, be admitted into union with it, on presenting written evidence, under the authority of the Wardens and Vestry, that they are duly organized, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of the Convention of this Diocese; but, in the organization of any Parish, where pews are owned by individuals, or a corporation, provision must be made whereby said pews may be taxed for their proportion of an amount sufficient for the support of Public Worship in the Parish.

On motion, the proposed Article was accepted, the two Orders in the Convention voting separately.

The Committee on Finance presented their Report in regard to Current Expenses, which, with the appended resolution, was received and adopted. (See Appendix.)

The same Committee also reported in regard to the Bishop's salary. Their Report, with the appended recommendation, was received and adopted.

The following Resolution was presented:

Resolved, That without requesting any action on the part of the Standing Committee or of this Convention, the Rev. Dr. Mercer be allowed to state the facts in relation to All Saints' Chapel, Newport.

On motion, the foregoing resolution was laid on the table.

On motion, one thousand copies of the Journal of Convention were ordered to be printed.

On motion,

Voted, That each Parish receive not less than fifteen copies of the Journal of this Convention, and that the remainder be distributed *pro rata*, according to the assessment made for Convention Expenses by the Committee on Finance.

Ordered, That the next Annual Convention be held in Grace Church, Providence.

On motion, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Convention were appointed a Committee to publish the Journals of the Convention.

The Report of the Treasurer in regard to the salary of the Bishop, was read and received.

The minutes of the entire proceedings of the Convention were then read by the Secretary and approved.

After the usual devotional exercises, conducted by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

THOMAS M. CLARK, *President*.

EATON W. MAXCY, JR., *Secretary*.

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

PROVIDENCE COUNTY.

GRACE CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 14; Infants, 14; total, 28. Confirmations, 15. Present number of Communicants, 450. Sunday School,—Teachers, 43; Scholars, 427. Marriages, 14; Burials, 15. Missionary and charitable contributions, $2,050.

In addition to the above, between twelve and thirteen thousand dollars have been contributed to finish the Church.

THOMAS M. CLARK, *Rector.*

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 2; Infants, 57; total, 59. Confirmations, 7. Communicants added, 6. Sunday School,—Teachers, 44; Scholars, 306. Marriages, 19; Burials, 11. Missionary and charitable contributions,—Of Sunday Schools, $825 00; of the Church, $13.-903 24; total, $14,728 24.

N. B. CROCKER, *Rector.*

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 2; Infants, 14; total, 16. Confirmations, 3. Communicants added, 10; died and removed, 8; present number, 182. Sunday School,—Teachers, 25; Scholars, 150. Marriages, 6; Burials, 6. Missionary and other charitable contributions, about $2.000.

H. WATERMAN, *Rector.*

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 8; Infants, 14; total, 22. Confirmations, 14. Communicants added, 24; died and removed, 17; present number, 115. Sunday School,—Teachers, 19; Scholars, 125.—Marriages, 4; Burials, 20. Missionary and charitable contributions, $828 65.

In addition to the above, the ladies have raised $525 to pay for a room which has been built for the accommodation of the Infant School, and for improvements in the organ. Honorable mention should be made in this report of Mr. Samuel P. Crins, a member of this Parish, by whose liberality, industry and taste, the interior of the Church edifice has been appropriately and beautifully adorned.

On the Feast of the Circumcision and Sunday after Christmas-Day, the undersigned commenced a Sunday School and evening service on Christian Hill. The result has been highly encouraging. The Sunday School numbers 27 Teachers, and 175 Scholars. The services during the winter and spring were very fully attended. The name given to the mission was St. Peter's Free Chapel. In conducting the mission, the undersigned has had the advice and co-operation of a Committee of Laymen from four of our Churches in the city. He received much valuable assistance during the first three months from the Rev. Wm. H. Collins, whose services were rendered gratuitously.—The Bishop and several of the clergy have also very kindly aided him by frequently preaching in the evening. His helpers in the Sunday School are from Grace and St. Andrew's Churches. The St. Peter's Mission Society, composed of persons chiefly from the same churches, has contributed $140, to aid in defraying the expenses of the Mission. The collections at the chapel have amounted to $73 89. The whole amount of money reported above as raised in connection with St. Andrew's and St. Peter's, is $1,567 54.

The whole number in the two Sunday Schools is, Teachers, 46; Scholars, 300.

D. Henshaw, *Rector.*

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 8; Infants, 18; total, 26. Confirmations, 10. Communicants added, 19; died and removed, 8; present number, 52. Sunday School,—Teachers, 22; Scholars, 170. Marriages, 17; Burials, 11. Missionary and charitable contributions, $302 95.

A third Service is held every Sunday evening, with encouraging prospects, at Spragueville, in Cranston.

Wm. H. Mills, *Rector.*

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 12; Infants, 14; total, 26. Confirmations, 30. Sunday School,—Teachers, 28; Scholars, 200. Missionary and charitable contributions, $457 24.

This report covers the space of five months.

CHARLES H. WHEELER, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NORTH PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 12; Infants, 23; total, 35. Confirmations, 14. Communicants added, 14; died and removed, 4; present number, about 260. Sunday School,—Teachers, 22; Scholars, 200.—Marriages, 33; Burials, 47. Missionary and charitable contributions, $459 87.

GEORGE TAFT, *Rector.*

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, GREENVILLE, AND MISSION STATION, BURRILLVILLE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 3; Infants, 5; total, 8. Confirmations, 4.—Communicants added, 7; present number, 58. Sunday School,—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 81. Marriages, 7; Burials, 2. Missionary and charitable contributions, $100 00.

I have officiated regularly at Burrillville on Sunday mornings during the year. Little has been done but to hold the field which the Church has there in possession. I trust it may yet become productive, if properly tilled. The sum of $120 has been raised by the congregation, to be expended on the Chapel.

B. H. CHASE, *Rector.*

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, JOHNSTON.

Baptisms,—Adults, 2; Infants, 4; total, 6. Communicants added, 4; died and removed, 25; present number, 33. Marriages, 5; Burials, 10. Sunday School,—Teachers, 4; Scholars, 30. Communion alms, $15 25.

This report covers two years, and is almost entirely from records left by my predecessor, the Rev. Wm. H. Mills, who resigned Dec. 5th, 1858. The large number of removals is chiefly owing to the fact that these persons, formerly members of this Parish, residing at a distance from the Church, after the resignation of Mr. Mills, attached themselves to the Church of the Messiah, Olneyville.

The present Missionary in charge entered upon his duties on the

first Sunday after Easter of the present year, the Church having been closed (with the exception of about three months) since the late Rector's resignation.

THOS. L. RANDOLPH, *Missionary*.

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, WOONSOCKET.

Baptisms,—Adults, 9; Infants, 32; total, 41. Confirmations, 15. Communicants added, 20; died and removed, 22; present number, 159. Sunday Schools,—Teachers, 21; Scholars, 185. Marriages, 27; Burials, 35. Missionary and charitable contributions, $271 35.

B. P. TALBOT, *Rector*.

CHRIST CHURCH, LONSDALE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 2; Infants, 17; total, 19. Confirmations, 8. Communicants added, 21; died and removed, 14; present number, 157. Sunday Schools, 2,—Teachers, 28; Scholars, 250. Marriages, 3; Burials, 17. Missionary and charitable contributions, $234 52.

The Ladies' Church Society has raised the past year about $300, all of which, except $58 for convocation, included in the above, has been appropriated to objects within the Parish. Of the above sum, the Sunday School contributed $67 at their Christmas Festival, being $14 more than their offerings the previous year.

The prosperity of this Church is further indicated from the fact that at the last annual meeting we had not pews enough to meet the demand, and a considerable balance of cash is in the hands of the Treasurer. The Rector, however, is about to resign this for another field of labor.

EDWARD COWLEY, *Rector*.

BRISTOL COUNTY.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BRISTOL.

Baptisms,—Adults, 2; Infants, 5; total, 7. Confirmations, 9.—Communicants added, 13; died and removed, 4; present number, 300. Sunday School,—Teachers, 19; Scholars, 160. Marriages, 8; Burials, 12. Missionary and charitable contributions, $601 52, and for Sunday School Library and miscellaneous purposes within the Parish, $717 50; total, $1,319 02.

WILLIAM STOW, *Rector*.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, WARREN.

Baptisms,—Infants, 3. Confirmations, 2. Communicants added, 2; died and removed, 10; present number, 129. Sunday School—Teachers, 13; Scholars, 82. Marriages, 5; Burials, 26. Missionary and charitable contributions, $247 48.

EATON W. MAXCY, JR., *Rector.*

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, BARRINGTON.

Baptisms,—Adults, 10; total, 10. Confirmations, 13. Communicants added, 16; died and removed, 4; present number, 44.—Sunday School,—Teachers, 10; Scholars, 70. Marriages, 1; Burials, 2. Missionary and charitable contributions, $849 58; Parochial purposes, $166 65.

Our work is yet new and our field interesting. We have something to try and much to encourage us.

F. J. WARNER, *Rector..*

NEWPORT COUNTY.

TRINITY CHURCH, NEWPORT.

Baptisms,—Adults, 1; Infants, 5; total, 6; Confirmations, 4; present number of Communicants, 250. Sunday School,—Teachers, 13; Scholars, 104. Marriages, 5.

The Church remains without a Rector, though the regular services have been continued through the favor of several of the clergy.

The unsettled state of Trinity Church at the time of and since the resignation of its late Rector, Rev. A. G. Mercer, D. D., renders it impracticable to present a further or more satisfactory detail of its affairs.

MARSHALL C. SLOCUM, *Senior Warden.*

ZION CHURCH, NEWPORT.

Baptisms,—Adults, 3; Infants, 5; total, 8. Confirmations, 2.—Present number of Communicants, 169. Sunday School,—Teachers, 16; Scholars, 120. Marriages, 5; Burials, 10. Missionary and charitable contributions, $594 23.

W. COLVIN BROWN, *Rector.*

EMANUEL CHURCH, NEWPORT.

Baptisms,—Adults, 2; Infants, 25; total, 27. Confirmations, 10. Communicants added, 22; died and removed, 27; present

number, 127. Sunday School,—Teachers, 18; Scholars, 189.—Marriages, 4; Burials, 12. Missionary and charitable contributions, $182 00; offerings for Parish expenses, $1.289 84.

We have had Divine Service on all Sundays and Holy Days, and tri-weekly Prayers during July, August, and September. The number of visits made has been 842, and relief in fuel and provisions, amounting to $253 58, has been afforded to the sufferers by the burning of the factories, and other poor in the district. Three hundred articles of clothing have also been distributed. A Parish School has been organized, and an efficient teacher secured. This Church depends on the summer congregation for nearly four-fifths of the amount required to meet current expenses, and although it has never received a sufficient amount to meet them promptly, there is a growing interest in our *Free Church* which gives us assurance that "God is with us," and that our good work will prosper, so long as we trust in Him.

CHARLES WINGATE, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH.

Communicants died and removed, 3; present number, 45. Sunday School,—Teachers, 3; Scholars, 25. Marriages, 2; Burials, 4. Missionary and charitable contributions, $25 00.

G. W. CHEVERS, *Rector.*

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH, AND HOLY CROSS CHAPEL, MIDDLETOWN.

Baptisms,—Infants, 9. Confirmations, 1. Communicants died and removed, 4; present number, 65. Sunday School,—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 37. Burials, 7. Missionary and charitable contributions, $197 06.

The Rev. Dr. Balch has gratuitously rendered many valuable services in this Parish during the past year, especially at the Church of the Holy Cross, of which he has now kindly consented to take the particular charge for some months.

H. WILLIAMS.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, JAMESTOWN.

Present number of Communicants, 11. Burials, 1. Missionary and charitable contributions, $4 00.

GEORGE ANTHONY, *Deacon.*

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, WAKEFIELD.

Baptisms,—Adults, 1; Infants, 5; total, 6. Confirmations, 4.—Communicants added, 5; present number, 38. Sunday School,—Teachers, 3; Scholars, 20. Marriages, 4; Burials, 2. Missionary and charitable contributions, $17 38.

Services have been held at Narragansett Pier, once every Lord's Day during the summer, and occasionally in the winter. Land has been promised at this place on which to erect a Church, and it is hoped that means will be collected so that the building may be put up and used the next year.

WM. AUGUSTINE LEACH, *Rector.*

CHRIST CHURCH, WESTERLY.

Baptisms,—Infants, 3. Communicants died and removed, 18; present number, 128. Sunday School,—Teachers, 14; Scholars, 75. Marriages, 6; Burials, 3. Missionary and charitable contributions, $158 00.

The Parish has been vacant three months.

JOHN P. HUBBARD, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WICKFORD.

Baptisms,—Infants, 2. Confirmations, 1. Communicants added, 3; present number, 97. Sunday School,—Teachers, 7; Scholars, 40. Marriages, 1; Burials, 4. Missionary and charitable contributions, $248 59.

To this Report I wish to add a recognition of my indebtedness to the Rev. J. H. Carpenter, of Narragansett, who, during the past year, (as in former ones,) has been to me a brother of tenderest sympathies and most ready hand; fulfilling my duties in sickness, and cheering my labors with genial counsel and fraternal love.

A. B. FLANDERS, *Rector.*

KENT COUNTY.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, EAST GREENWICH.

Baptisms,—Adults, 2; Infants, 10; total, 12. Confirmations, 3. Communicants added, 4; present number, 70. Sunday School,—Teachers, 13; Scholars, 65. Marriages, 1; Burials, 4. Missionary and charitable contributions, $70 00.

S. A. CRANE, *Rector.*

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, CROMPTON.

Baptisms,—Infants, 11. Communicants added, 2; died and removed, 2; present number, 20. Sunday School,—Teachers, 6; Scholars, 40. Marriages, 6; Burials, 7. Missionary and charitable contributions, $24 71.

Sunday afternoon services have been held during the year at Fiskville, and the statistics concerning that station are as follows:

Baptisms,—Adults, 1; Infants, 9; total, 10. Communicants died, 1; present number, 6. Sunday School,—Teachers, 3; Scholars, 21. Marriages, 2; Burials, 1.

Collections have been made every Sunday towards the support of services here. Total amount of these collections, $66 41.

R. H. Tuttle, *Rector*.

To the Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, D. D.

After being transferred to the Diocese of Rhode Island, at the request of the Rev. H. Williams, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Portsmouth, and Holy Cross Chapel, Middletown, I took charge of the Missionary Station, and preached every Sunday in the Chapel of the Holy Cross, and also lectured once every week in the same. I am happy to say that these ministrations were well attended, and I think there is good reason to hope that a stable and useful rural Parish may in due time be formed at the Holy Cross. I also catechised the children every Sunday, and administered the Holy Communion on the usual stated occasions.

I left on the 17th of February, to fulfil an engagement with the Bishop of Georgia, to supply his place in Christ Church, Savannah, until the 1st of June, prox. I expect (D. V.) to resume duty at the Holy Cross, Middletown, the first Sunday of the next month.

Very sincerely,
And faithfully, yours,

Lewis P. W. Balch.

Savannah, Ga., May 7, 1860.

To the Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, D. D.

During the past conventional year, I have officiated in several parishes, about forty-five times, and on a few occasions in private dwellings; also administered or assisted in the administration of the Holy Communion, usually in St. Paul's Church, Wickford, and have officiated at one funeral.

James H. Carpenter.

Narragansett, June 12, 1860.

To the Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, D. D.

Since my ordination, I have officiated in several Parishes; and from Christmas until Easter, assisted the Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Providence. I am now residing in Warren.

WM. H. COLLINS, *Deacon.*

Warren, R. I., June 12, 1860.

To the Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, D. D.

I have been occupied the past year, as in several preceding years, in visiting and administering to the spiritual and temporal necessities of the poor, the unfortunate, and the neglected. Of such this city and its suburbs contain no inconsiderable number. To what extent these services have been successful, it is not easy to determine. Probably a large part of them have turned to little account. Others, I feel assured, have been both acceptable and useful.

I have baptised 23 infants, married 4 couples, attended 22 funerals, performed divine service and preached on 18 Sundays, and assisted in some part of public worship on most of the other Sundays through the year.

D. L. B. GOODWIN, *Church Missionary of Providence.*

Providence, R. I., June 12, 1860.

To the Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, D. D.

During the past year, in connection with my duties as Principal of the Berkeley Institute, I, for a few months, regularly assisted the Rector of Trinity Church in the reading the service and in administering the Holy Communion. I have also preached occasionally in the Churches of Newport, and at the Chapel of the Holy Cross.

WM. C. LEVERETT.

Newport, R. I., June 12, 1860.

To the Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, D. D.

Since my ordination, on Nov. 27, 1859, I have officiated in several States in this region, and also in the West. I have preached in that time precisely fifty sermons, assisted on numerous occasions in reading the Service, and in the Holy Communion, baptised one infant, and officiated at two funerals. For some weeks past I have been supplying St. Mary's Parish, at Newton Lower Falls, Mass., and for the next four months I am engaged to supply the place of Rev. J. S. C. Greene, Rector of Grace Church, Newton Corner, Mass., during his absence in Europe.

J. P. TUSTIN.

Newton Corner, Mass., June 11, 1860.

To the Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, D. D.

Dear Sir:—During the past year I have preached about one hundred times, and administered the Holy Communion four times. I have temporary (for six months) charge of the Parishes at Otis and New Boston. The above services have been rendered in the Diocese of Massachusetts.

ELISHA F. WATSON.

Wakefield, R. I., June 11, 1860.

Abstract of Parochial Reports, June, 1860.

PLACES.	CHURCHES.	RECTOR OR MINISTER.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Confirmations.	Marriages.	Burials.	S. S.		Sunday Offerings and Contributions for Religious Purposes.
			Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Added.	Died and Removed.	Present Number.				Teachers.	Scholars.	
Providence,	Grace,	T. M. Clark, D. D.,	14	14	28			450	15	14	15	43	427	$2050 00
"	St. John's,	N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	2	57	59	6		300	7	19	11	44	306	14728 24
"	St. Stephen's,	H. Waterman, D. D.,	2	14	16	10	8	182	3	6	6	25	150	2000 00
"	St. Andrew's,	D. Henshaw,	8	14	22	24	17	115	14	4	20	46	300	1567 54
"	Messiah,	Wm. H. Mills,	8	18	26	19	8	52	10	17	11	22	170	302 95
"	Redeemer,	Charles H. Wheeler,	12	14	26				30			28	200	457 24
North Providence,	St. Paul's,	George Taft,	12	23	35	14	4	260	14	33	47	22	200	459 87
Greenville,	St. Thomas's,	B. H. Chase,	3	5	8	7		58	4	7	2	5	81	100 00
Johnston,	St. Peter's,	Thos. L. Randolph,	2	4	6	4	25	33		5	10	4	30	15 25
Woonsocket,	St. James',	B. P. Talbot,	9	32	41	20	22	159	15	27	35	21	185	271 35
Lonsdale,	Christ,	Edward Cowley,	2	17	19	21	14	157	8	3	17	28	250	234 52
Bristol,	St. Michael's,	Wm. Stow,	2	5	7	13	4	300	9	8	12	19	160	601 52
Warren,	St. Mark's,	E. W. Maxcy, Jr.,		3	3	2	22	129	2	5	26	13	82	247 48
Barrington,	St. John's,	F. J. Warner,	10		10	16	4	44	13	1	2	10	70	849 58
Newport,	Trinity,		1	5	6			250	4	5		13	104	
"	Zion,	W. Colvin Brown,	3	5	8			167	2	5	10	16	120	594 23
"	Emanuel,	Charles Wingate,	2	25	27	22	27	127	10	4	12	18	189	182 00
Portsmouth,	St. Paul's,	G. W. Chevers,					3	45		2	4	3	25	25 00
"	St. Mary's,	H. Williams,		9	9		4	65	1		7	5	37	197 06
Middletown,	Holy Cross Chapel,													
Jamestown,	St. Matthew's,							11			1			4 00
Westerly,	Christ,	John P. Hubbard,		3	3		18	128		6	3	14	75	158 00
Wakefield,	Ascension,	Wm. A. Leach,	1	5	6	5		38	4	4	2	3	20	17 38
Wickford,	St. Paul's,	A. B. Flanders,		2	2	3		97	1	1	4	7	40	248 59
East Greenwich,	St. Luke's,	S. A. Crane, D. D.,	2	10	12	4		70	3	1	4	13	65	70 00
Crompton,	St. Philip's,	R. H. Tuttle,	1	20	21	2	3	26		8	8	9	61	24 71
	Church Missionary in Prov.	D. L. B. Goodwin,		23	23					4	22			
			96	327	423	192	183	3263	169	189	291	431	3347	$25,406 51

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON CONVENTION EXPENSES.

The Committee on Finance report that the estimated expenses of the Convention are one hundred and fifty dollars, which sum has been assessed as follows, viz :

St. John's Church,	Providence,	$21 00
Grace "	do.	21 00
St. Stephen's "	do.	10 00
St. Andrew's "	do.	3 00
Church of the Messiah,	do.	1 00
Church of the Redeemer,	do.	1 00
Trinity Church,	Newport,	18 00
Zion "	do.	10 00
Emanuel "	do.	1 00
St. Paul's "	North Providence,	9 00
St. Michael's "	Bristol,	13 00
St. Mark's "	Warren,	8 00
St. John's "	Barrington,	1 00
Christ "	Lonsdale,	5 00
St. James "	Woonsocket,	7 00
Christ "	Westerly,	7 00
St. Paul's "	North Portsmouth,	2 00
St. Mary's "	South Portsmouth,	2 00
Emanuel "	Manville,	1 00
St. Luke's "	East Greenwich,	2 00
St. Paul's "	Wickford,	2 00
Ascension "	Wakefield,	1 00
St. Peter's "	Johnson,	1 00
St. Philip's "	Crompton,	1 00
St. Thomas's "	Greenville,	1 00
Chapel of Holy Cross,	Middletown,	1 00
		$150 00

The Committee recommend the following resolution for adoption :

Resolved, That the Delegates now pay their several assessments.

ROBERT H. IVES,
G. FREEBORN,
S. GREENE,
} *Committee.*

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON THE BISHOP'S SALARY.

The Committee on Finance have assessed the several Parishes for the salary of the Bishop, in accordance with the Eighth Canon, as follows, viz :

St. John's Church,	Providence,	$160 00
Grace "	do.	160 00
St. Stephen's "	do.	60 00
St. Andrew's "	do.	10 00
Church of the Messiah,	do.	5 00
Church of the Redeemer,	do.	2 00
St. Paul's "	North Providence,	60 00
Christ "	Lonsdale,	20 00
St. James's "	Woonsocket,	50 00
Emanuel "	Manville,	2 00
St. Peter's "	Johnston,	3 00
St. Thomas's "	Greenville,	5 00
St. Michael's "	Bristol,	80 00
St. Mark's "	Warren,	50 00
St. John's "	Barrington,	2 00
Trinity Church,	Newport,	125 00
Zion "	do.	75 00
Emanuel "	do.	20 00
St. Matthew's "	Jamestown,	2 00
Chapel of Holy Cross,	Middletown,	10 00
St. Paul's "	North Portsmouth,	8 00
St. Mary's "	South Portsmouth,	10 00
Christ "	Westerly,	50 00
St. Paul's "	Wickford,	20 00
Ascension "	Wakefield,	13 00
St. Luke's "	East Greenwich,	13 00
St. Philip's "	Crompton,	2 00
		$1017 00

The Committee recommend that the foregoing assessments be paid to the Treasurer on or before the first day of August next.

ROBERT H. IVES,
G. FREEBORN,
S. GREENE,
} *Committee.*

Providence, June 12, 1860.

Dr. *Convention Expenses (Diocese of R. I.,) in account with E. W. Howard, Tr.* *Cr.*

1859.		
June 15.	To cash paid J. F. Holmes, Sexton of St. John's Church, for services in attending Convention, 1859,	$8 00
	Do. for Convention's proportion of back Journals from 1790 to 1832, printed by order of Convention,	36 40
July 20.	Do. H. L. Tillinghast, for printing 500 copies of Journal of Convention of June, 1859, 58 pages and covers, at $1 60 per page; enveloping do. $1 00,	93 80
	Paid do. for printing 200 notices,	4 00
	Paid Providence Mutual Insurance Co. for assessment, (March, 1859,) on St. Peter's Church,	9 00
	Paid do. on St. Philip's Church, Crompton,	1 44
	Paid do. on St. Andrew's Church, Providence,	10 00
Oct. 17.	Paid Herman Cope, Esq., Treasurer of General Convention, quota of expenses of said Convention assessed on Diocese of Rhode Island,	60 00
June 12.	Bill of Standing Committee for postage and printing notices,	7 92
	Bill of Secretary of Convention for postage,	5 25
1860.		
June,	To balance to new account,	78 73
		$314 54

June 12. Examined and found correct.

ROBERT H. IVES,
G. FREEBORN,
S. GREENE,
} *Committee on Finance.*

1859.				
June 10.	By balance of old account,			$54 10
14.	By assessment levied June, 1859, of			
		St. Mark's Church,	Warren,	14 00
	ditto	St. Mary's Church,	S. Portsmouth,	3 00
	ditto	Christ Church,	Lonsdale,	8 00
	ditto	St. Michael's Church,	Bristol,	22 00
	ditto	St. Paul's Church,	Pawtucket,	14 00
	ditto	Emanuel Church,	Manville,	2 00
	ditto	St. Paul's Church,	N. Portsmouth,	3 00
	ditto	St. Paul's Church,	Wickford,	3 00
	ditto	St. Andrew's Church,	Providence,	5 00
	ditto	Christ Church,	Westerly,	13 00
	ditto	St. James's Church,	Woonsocket,	13 00
	ditto	Emanuel Church,	Newport,	2 00
	ditto	Church of the Messiah,	Providence,	2 00
	ditto	Church of the Holy Cross,	Middletown,	2 00
	ditto	St. John's Church,	Barrington,	2 00
	ditto	St. Luke's Church,	E. Greenwich,	3 00
	ditto	Zion Church,	Newport,	16 00
	ditto	Trinity Church,	Newport,	30 00
	ditto	St. John's Church,	Providence,	35 00
	ditto	Grace Church,	Providence,	35 00
1860.				
April 12.	ditto	Ascension Church,	Wakefield,	1 00
June 12.	ditto	St. Stephen's Church,	Providence,	18 00
	ditto	St. Thomas's Church,	Greenville,	2 00
	ditto	St. Philip's Church,	Crompton,	1 00
	Cash for assessment of Insurance Co. from St. Andrew's Church, Providence,			10 00
	Do. of St. Philip's Church, Crompton,			1 44
				$314 54

E. E.—E. W. HOWARD, *Tr.*

June 12. By balance to new account, $78 73

Dr. *Bishop's Salary (Diocese of R. I.,) in account with E. W. Howard, Tr.* *Cr.*

1859.			
Sept. 1.	Paid quarter's salary to Sept. 1st, 1859,		$250 00
	Paid on account do. to Dec. 1st, 1859, $50 00,		
Dec. 1.	Paid in full, do. do. do. 200 00,		250 00
1860.			
Feb. 27.	Paid quarter's salary to March 1st, 1860,		250 00
May 22.	Paid on account do. to June 1st, 1860, $200 00,		
	Paid in full, do. do. do. 50 00,		250 00
June 12.	To balance to new account,		71 15
			$1071 15

June 12. Examined and found correct.

ROBERT H. IVES, } *For the*
G. FREEBORN, } *Finance Committee.*

1859.				
June 14.	By balance of old account,			$59 15
14.	By assessment levied June, 1859, of			
		St. Mary's Church,	S. Portsmouth,	10 00
	ditto	Chapel of the Holy Cross,	Middletown,	10 00
	ditto	Trinity Church,	Newport,	125 00
	ditto	Emanuel Church,	Manville,	2 00
July 21.	ditto	Grace Church,	Providence,	160 00
Sept. 28.	ditto	St. Stephen's Church,	Providence,	60 00
Sept. 29.	ditto	St. Paul's Church,	Pawtucket,	60 00
Nov. 30.	ditto	St. John's Church,	Providence,	160 00
1860.				
Jan. 12.	ditto	St. John's Church,	Barrington,	2 00
Jan. 30.	ditto	St. Michael's Church,	Bristol,	80 00
Jan. 31.	ditto	St. Paul's Church,	Wickford,	20 00
Jan. 12.	ditto	Church of the Messiah,	Providence,	5 00
Feb. 10.	ditto	Christ Church,	Westerly,	50 00
Feb. 13.	ditto	St. Andrew's Church,	Providence,	10 00
Feb. 17.	ditto	St. James's Church,	Woonsocket,	50 00
Feb. 24.	ditto	Emanuel Church,	Newport,	20 00
Feb. 27.	ditto	St. Thomas's Church,	Greenville,	5 00
April 2.	ditto	Ascension Church, on ac.,	Wakefield,	3 00
	ditto	St. Luke's Church,	E. Greenwich,	13 00
	ditto	St. Philip's Church,	Crompton,	2 00
May 23.	ditto	St. Mark's Church,	Warren,	60 00
June 12.	ditto	St. Paul's Church,	Portsmouth,	8 00
	ditto	St. Matthew's Church,	Jamestown,	2 00
	ditto	Christ Church,	Lonsdale,	20 00
June 13.	ditto	Zion Church,	Newport,	75 00
				$1071 15

E. E.—E. W. HOWARD, *Tr.*

June 13. By balance to new account, 71 15

Dr. *Missionary Convocation (Diocese of R. I.,) in account with E. W. Howard, Tr.* *Cr.*

1860.			
April.	To appropriation paid Rev. B. H. Chace, for services at Burrillville Station, for year ending April 1st, 1860,		$300 00
	Do. paid Rev. W. H. Mills, for do. at Church of the Messiah, Olneyville, for do.,		200 00
	Do. paid Rev. R. H. Tuttle for do. at Valley of Pawtuxet Station, from May 1st, 1859, to April 1st, 1860,		275 00
	Do. paid Rev. R. A. Leach for do. at Narragansett Pier, from July 1st, 1859, to April 1st, 1860,		75 00
	Do. paid Rev. D. L. B. Goodwin for ten Sundays' services at St. John's Church, Barrington,		50 00
	Do. paid Rev. B. B. Babbitt, for two Sundays' services at Manville,		10 00
	To balance to new account,		506 73
			$1416 73

June 12. Examined and found correct.

S. A. CRANE, } *Audit*
WM. H. MILLS, } *Committee.*

1859.				
May 2.	By balance from last year's account,			$79 53
	By year's pledge to April 1st, 1860, from	St. John's Church,	Providence,	200 00
	ditto	Grace Church,	Providence,	250 00
	ditto	St. Stephen's Church,	Providence,	150 00
	ditto	Trinity Church,	Newport,	200 00
	3-4 year's	Zion Church,	Newport,	75 00
	By year's	St. Paul's Church,	Pawtucket,	60 00
	ditto	Church of the Messiah,	Olneyville,	50 00
	ditto	St. Andrew's Church,	Providence,	80 00
	ditto	St. Thomas' Church,	Greenville,	30 00
	1-2 year's	St. Michael's Church,	Bristol,	50 00
	1-4 year's	St. John's Church,	Barrington,	15 00
	By year's	St. Paul's Church,	Wickford,	37 50
	By year's	Christ Church,	Lonsdale,	58 00
	By pledge	St. Mark's Church,	Warren,	67 50
	By year's	St. Mary's Church,	Portsmouth,	10 00
	By excess of receipts over expenses of traveling expenses of Convocation account, credited by vote to this account,			4 20
				$1416 73

E. E.—E. W. HOWARD, *Tr.*

1860.
June 12. By balance to new account, 506 73

Dr. Funds for Dom. & For. Miss. (from Diocese of R. I.,) in account with E. W. Howard, Tr., Cr.

1859.					
Sept.	To cash forwarded Tr. of	Dom.	Miss., N. Y.,		$125 00
	do.	do.	For.	do.	3 00
Oct.	do.	do.	Dom.	do.	427 00
	do.	do.	For.	do.	563 00
Dec. 27.	do.	do.	For.	do.	5 00
	do.	do.	For.	do.	125 00
1860.					
Jan. 12.	do.	do.	For.	do.	116 32
	do.	do.	For.	do.	21 68
	do.	do.	Dom.	do.	351 11
	do.	do.	Nashotah, by Rev. Dr. Waterman,		85 00
Feb. 10.	do.	do.	For.	Miss.,	758 77
March 2.	do.	do.	Dom.	do.	10 00
	do.	do.	For.	do.	125 00
	do.	do.	For.	do.	12 91
	do.	do.	Dom.	do.	125 00
May 4.	do.	do.	For.	do.	27 00
June 9.	do.	do.	For.	do.	200 00
					$3080 79

1860.			
Jan. 5.	By cash of Grace Church, adv. coll. for D. M., $44; Jan. 16, Epiph. coll. for F. M., $82,		$126 00
1859.			
Dec. 13.	St. John's Church, Providence.—Adv. coll. for D. M., of which $38 is for Gen. Bd. of D. M., and $318 for Epis. Miss. Assoc., Phila., $356; for China, $20; morning S. S. Pledge for Bp. Lee, Iowa, from June 1, '59, to June 1, '60, $500; Feb. 10, 1860.—Epiph. coll. for F. M., $400; Oct. 1859, members of said Ch. for China Miss., Rev. E W. Syle, $537; a family for education of child in China, $25; Dec. 25.—Christmas off'g of morn. S. S. for Africa, $88 07; do. from noon (colored) S. S. for do., $11 93; do. from coll. to Jan. 1, '60, Infant S. S. for West Africa, $11; Jan. 23, 1860.—Colored S. S. Sunday coll. for Africa, to Jan. 1, '60, $52 43; June '60.—Ladies Philanthropic Soc'y for Africa, $200,		2201 43
1860.			
Jan. 12.	St. Stephen's Church, Providence.—Adv. coll. for D. M., of which $85 is for Nashotah, $335; Feb. 10, Epiph. coll. for F. M., $185,		520 00
1859.			
Dec. 6.	St. Andrew's Church, Providence.—Adv. coll. for D. M., $50; Feb. 6, 1860.—Epiph. coll. for F. M., $30 83,		80 83
Dec. 6.	Church of the Messiah, Providence.—Adv. coll. for D. M., $6; Jan. 16, 1860.—Epiph. coll. for F. M., $8 51,		14 51
1860.			
April 22.	Church of the Redeemer, Providence.—For F. M.,		25 00
Jan. 11.	St. Mark's Church, Warren.—For D. M., $27; for F. M., $27; March 25, a lady for F. M., $2; Jan. 11, 1860, Miss M. B., for D. M., $2,		58 00
1859. Dec.	St. Luke's Church, E. Greenwich.—Adv. coll. for D. M.,		13 00
1860.			
Jan. 2.	St. Paul's Church, Pawtucket.—Adv. coll. for D. M., $15 11; Feb. 13, Epiph. coll. for F. M., $12 91; Oct. 5. '59, "little Mary," for F. M., $1,		29 02
1859. Aug.	St. Mary's Church, Portsmouth.—For F. M., $3; Jan. 24, 1860, for D. M., $10.		13 00
			$3080 79

Dr. *Charitable Fund in account with William T. Grinnell, Tr.* *Cr.*

1860.			
June 12.	Cash paid postage,		50
	To this amount carried to new account,		5243 00
			$5243 50

1860.
June 12. Compared with the vouchers and found correct.
ROBERT H. IVES,
G. FREEBORN,
S. GREENE,
} *Audit Committee.*

Parishes not contributing.
Ascension Church, Wakefield,
Christ Church, Westerly,
Emanuel Church, Manville,
Emanuel Church, Newport,
St. Thomas' Church, Greenville,
Zion Church, Newport.

1859.			
June 13.	By balance due on old account,		$4667 00
1860.			
Jan. 1.	By this amount, interest from Savings Bank,		251 01
	By this amount collection in		
	St. John's Church,	Barrington, '60,	4 58
ditto	Grace Church,	Providence, '60,	38 00
ditto	St. James's Church,	Woonsocket, '60	11 00
ditto	St. Andrew's Church,	Providence, '60,	19 61
ditto	St. Philip's Church,	Crompton, '60,	2 00
ditto	St. Paul's Church,	N. Providence, '60,	8 77
ditto	Church of the Messiah,	Providence, '60,	4 15
ditto	St. Matthew's Church,	Jamestown, '60,	2 00
ditto	Trinity Church,	Newport, '60	33 96
ditto	St. Stephen's Church,	Providence, '60,	33 00
ditto	Christ Church,	Lonsdale, '60,	8 00
ditto	St. Luke's Church,	E. Greenwich, '60	2 50
ditto	St. Paul's Church,	Wickford, '60	8 16
ditto	St. Paul's Church,	Portsmouth, '60,	2 75
ditto	St. Mark's Church,	Warren, '60,	2 00
ditto	St. Mary's Church,	Middletown, '60	3 00
ditto	Chapel of the Holy Cross,	Middletown, '60	2 00
ditto	St. John's Church,	Providence, '60,	115 46
ditto	St. Michael's Church,	Bristol, '60,	24 55
			$5243 50

Balance to new account, 5243 50

E. and O. E.—W. T. GRINNELL, *Treas.*

LIST OF CLERGY

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church,

IN THE DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND.

1860.

Rt. Rev. THOMAS M. CLARK, D. D.,
Bishop and Rector of Grace Church, Prov.

Rev. GEO. ANTHONY, (Deacon,)
St. Matthew's Church, Jamestown.

Rev. L. P. W. BALCH, D. D.,
Officiating at the Church of the Holy Cross, Middletown.

Rev. WM. C. BROWN,
Rector of Zion Church, Newport.

Rev. J. H. CARPENTER,
Residing at Kingston.

Rev. B. H. CHASE,
Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, and General Missionary.

Rev. G. W. CHEVERS, M. D.,
Rector of St. Paul's Church, Portsmouth.

Rev. WM. H. COLLINS, (Deacon,)
Residing at Warren.

Rev. J. I. T. COOLIDGE,
Assistant Minister in St. John's Church, Prov.

Rev. EDWARD COWLEY.

Rev. S. A. CRANE, D. D.,
Rector of St. Luke's Church, E. Greenwich.

Rev. N. B. CROCKER, D. D.,
Rector of St. John's Church, Providence.

Rev. A. B. FLANDERS,
Rector of St. Paul's Church, Wickford.

Rev. D. L. B. GOODWIN,
Missionary of the Church Union, Providence.

Rev. D. HENSHAW,
Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Providence.

Rev. JOHN P. HUBBARD,
Rector of Christ Church, Westerly.

Rev. D. LEACH,
Residing in Providence.

Rev. WM. A. LEACH,
Rector of Ascension Church, Wakefield.

Rev. W. C. LEVERETT,
Principal of the Berkeley Institute, Newport.

Rev. EATON W. MAXCY, Jr.,
Rector of St. Mark's Church, Warren.

Rev. A. G. MERCER, D. D.,
Residing in Newport.

Rev. W. H. MILLS,
Rector of the Church of the Messiah, Providence,—P. O., Olneyville.

Rev. T. L. RANDOLPH,
Rector of St. Peter's Church, Manton.

Rev. WM. STOW,
Rector of St. Michael's Church, Bristol.

Rev. B. P. TALBOT,
Rector of St. James' Church, Woonsocket.

Rev. GEO. TAFT,
Rector of St. Paul's Church, N. Providence.

Rev. J. P. TUSTIN.

Rev. R. H. TUTTLE,
Rector of St. Philip's Church, Crompton.

Rev. F. J. WARNER,
Rector of St. John's Church, Barrington.

Rev. HENRY WATERMAN, D. D.,
Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Providence.

Rev. E. F. WATSON.

Rev. CHARLES H. WHEELER,
Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Prov.

Rev. HOBART WILLIAMS,
Rector of St. Mary's Church, Portsmouth, and Missionary at the Chapel of the Holy Cross, Middletown.

Rev. C. WINGATE,
Rector of Emanuel Church, Newport.

CANON X.

Of the Election of Lay Delegates.

SECTION 1. Any Parish intending to be represented in this Convention, as provided for in the Fourth Article of the Constitution of the Diocese, shall choose its Delegates in a parish meeting, regularly called in conformity with the Charter and By-Laws of the parish; and in addition to the Delegates provided for in said Fourth Article, said parish shall, at the same meeting, choose four other persons, to be called Substitutes, who, in the order in which they are chosen, shall be entitled to fill the place of any Delegate who may resign, or be unable to attend; and such Delegates and Substitutes shall continue in office until the next annual meeting of the parish; and also until new ones shall have been chosen to take their places.

FORM OF A CERTIFICATE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF LAY DELEGATES.

At a meeting of the parish of ———— Church, ———— regularly called, in conformity with the Charter and By-Laws, on the ———— day of ———— 186 , Messrs.

were appointed as Delegates from said parish to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, to be held on the second Tuesday of June, 186 .

At the same meeting, the following persons were also appointed as Substitutes:

Attest,

————————, *Warden.*

————————, *Parish Clerk.*

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

CHURCH,

Baptisms,

Adults,

Infants,

Total,

Confirmations,

Communicants,

added,

died and removed,

present number,

Sunday Schools,

Teachers,

Scholars,

Marriages,

Burials,

Missionary and charitable contributions, $

RULES OF ORDER,

AND

A STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS,

OF THE

CONVENTION OF THE CHURCH

IN THE DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND.

I. RULES OF ORDER.

1. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the chair.

2. The members of the Convention shall sit in pews contiguous to one another—the delegates of each church occupying one pew.

3. No member shall absent himself from the Convention unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. All special committees shall be appointed by the President unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

5. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not again be drawn into debate during the session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

6. When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise, and with due respect address himself to the President, and confine himself strictly to the point in debate.

7. When two members chance to rise at the same time, the President shall determine to whom the preference shall be given ; and all questions of order the President shall decide,—subject to an appeal to the Convention.

8. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

9. No motion shall be acted upon until seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

10. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private conversation to the interruption of the Convention.

11. Every member who is in the Convention when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the question, or excused by the President.

12. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to postpone, to amend, to divide, or to commit.

13. A motion for amendment or postponement shall be considered as the previous question, and be decided before the original motion.

14. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

15. The yeas and nays shall be called and entered on the minutes, when required by one-fifth of the members present.

16. At the request of the President, or on motion, the Convention may resolve itself into a committee of the whole.

17. All elections, when required by two members, shall be by ballot.

18. All other questions shall be decided *viva voce*, or by hand vote, unless a ballot be called for by two members.

19. The sittings of the Convention shall be open to all persons who choose to attend, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

20. After the first day, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning at the opening of the Convention, and, if necessary, corrected; and before the rising of the Convention, the whole proceedings of the session shall be read.

21. When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

22. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

23. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be read at the opening of every Convention, and shall be of force, unless repealed by a vote of the Convention.

II. STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS.

After the organization of the Convention as provided for by the Constitution, the following Order of Business shall be observed the first day of the session.

I. The business incident to the organization of the Convention, embracing the consideration of application of Churches or Parishes, for admission into union with the Convention; reports from special committees appointed at a preceding session of the Convention, &c.

II. Reading of the Bishop's Address.

III. Regular Annual Reports, in the following order:

1. Report from the Treasurer of the Convention.
2. Report from the Standing Committee.
3. Report from the Board of Missions.
4. Report from the Board of Education.
5. Report from the Board of Sunday Schools.
6. Report from the Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes.
7. Report from the Depository Board.
8. Report from the Board for Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.
9. Parochial Reports.

The following order of business shall be observed for the second day of the Convention:

I. Elections,—
1. Of Deputies to the General Convention.
2. Of Treasurer.
3. Of Standing Committee.
4. Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.
5. Board of Education.
6. Board of Sunday Schools.
7. Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes.
8. Board for the Relief of Widows and Orphans, &c.
9. Depository Board.
10. Miscellaneous.

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OF THE

SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church

IN THE

DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND,

HELD IN

GRACE CHURCH, PROVIDENCE,

TUESDAY, 11th, and WEDNESDAY, 12th, JUNE, 1861.

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GRACE CHURCH, PROVIDENCE,
Feast of St. Barnabas, the Apostle, 1861.

The Seventy-First Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Rhode Island having been appointed to be held at this time and place, Divine Service was celebrated at ten o'clock.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. B. P. Talbot, Rector of St. James's Church, Woonsocket, assisted by the Rev. S. A. Crane, D. D., Rector of St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich.

The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Rev. N. W. T. Root, Rector of Christ Church, Lonsdale, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Crane.

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. F. J. Warner, Rector of St. John's Church, Barrington, from St. Luke, XIX.: 13: "Occupy till I come."

The Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Crane, Talbot, and Wheeler.

After the Benediction, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop.

On motion, the Rev. Daniel Henshaw, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Providence, was elected Secretary, *pro tem*.

A list of the Clergy entitled to a vote, also a list of those of the Clergy who are entitled to a seat, but not a vote, were presented by the Bishop.

The certificates of Lay Delegates from the several Parishes were then presented.

The following Committee on Testimonials was appointed by the Bishop:

Rev. A. B. Flanders,	Mr. G. L. Cooke,
Rev. B. P. Talbot,	Mr. W. T. Grinnell.

Voted, That Clergymen of other Dioceses, and Candidates for Orders, who may be present, be invited to honorary seats in this Convention.

Of such, there were present, the Rev. Messrs. Child and Evans, of Massachusetts; Prescott, of Maryland; and Thomas, of Connecticut; and Mr. Webb, a candidate for Orders in the Diocese of Vermont.

Voted, That the Convention do now adjourn to meet in the Chapel of this Church, at four o'clock, this afternoon.

CHAPEL OF GRACE CHURCH,
Four o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met, according to adjournment.

The Committee on Clerical and Lay Delegates, reported the following Clergymen as entitled to seats and the right to vote:

Rev. * *Geo. Anthony*,	Rev. J. H. Carpenter,
" Wm. C. Brown,	" B. H. Chase,
" *L. P. W. Balch, D. D.*,	" G. W. Chevers, M. D.,

*Those persons whose names are printed in Italics, were not present.

Rev. J. I. T. Coolidge,	Rev. Wm. Stow,
" N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	" B. P. Talbot,
" A. B. Flanders,	" George Taft, D. D.,
" D. L. B. Goodwin,	" F. J. Warner,
" D. Henshaw,	" H. Waterman, D. D.,
" John Hubbard,	" C. H. Wheeler,
" D. Leach,	" H. Williams,
" *W. C. Leverett*,	" C. Wingate,
" T. L. Randolph,	" S. A. Crane, D. D.

And the following to seats, without the right to vote:

Rev. W. H. Collins,	Rev. N. W. T. Root,
" J. F. Spaulding,	" *J. C. Middleton*,
" S. M. Rogers,	" E. M. Gushee.
" James Mulchahey,	

They also reported that the Lay Delegates and Substitutes, duly elected by their respective Parishes, are:—

PROVIDENCE COUNTY.

Churches.	*Delegates.*	*Substitutes.*
Providence.	Robert H. Ives,	*William Goddard*,
	Alexander Duncan,	*Seth Adams, Jr.*,
St. John's,	R. M. Larned,	*Amasa Paine*,
	T. P. I. Goddard.	*Frank Richmond.*
	Edward Walcott,	*William Hicks*,
	Wm. T. Grinnell,	*John C. Burrington*,
Grace,	John B. Anthony,	*J. Lewis Pierce*,
	Edward A. Greene.	*Robert Manton.*
	William Binney,	*William Field*,
	Ezra D. Fogg,	Lyman Klapp,
St. Stephen's,	Resolved Waterman,	*R. Mathewson*,
	Samuel C. Blodget.	*Z. Chafee.*
	Samuel P. Crins,	H. Van Doorn,
	J. W. Angell,	M. Carey,
St. Andrew's,	*Frank Holden*,	*Thomas Willis*,
	George H. Lincoln.	*D. T. Hubbard.*
	Joseph H. Saunders,	*Robert A. Robinson*,
	A. A. Chambers,	*Sydney S. Clapp*,
Church of the Messiah,	*Sterry Sweet*,	James Wood,
	Herbert Richards.	*Edward A. Hale.*

Churches.	*Delegates.*	*Substitutes.*
Church of the Redeemer,	James H. Clapp, *Edwin G. Angell,* Henry T. Chace, *Charles S. Carder.*	*William A. Harlow,* Orrin Westcott, George D. Briggs, *Thomas Caffrey.*
N. Providence. St. Paul's,	Daniel Hale, Gideon L. Spencer, Joseph T. Greene, Frederick Merris.	*Thomas R. Dix,* *Thomas K. King,* *George Miller,* *George Booth.*
Woonsocket. St. James's,	Samuel Greene, *Lyman A. Cook,* *B. A. Slocum,* A. J. Varney.	*James King,* *P. W. Lippitt,* *G. B. Wight,* *Charles Sayles.*
Manville. Emanuel,		
Lonsdale. Christ,	Baylies Bourne, George A. Kent, William H. Walcott, *William H. Beebe.*	*P. James Congdon,* *James Geldard,* *John McKinlay,* *George Kilburn.*
Greenville. St. Thomas's,	*Thomas Barnes,* *H. W. King,* *Cyrus Farnum,* *Daniel Evans.*	*John S. Sprague,* *George A. Smith,* *William Clegg,* *James Sykes.*

BRISTOL COUNTY.

Bristol. St. Michael's,	*Benjamin Hall,* George F. Usher, *Thomas J. Usher,* James DeW. Perry.	*William Fales,* *R. S. Andrews,* *Jonathan D. Waldron,* *L. C. Richmond.*
Warren. St. Mark's,	George Lewis Cooke, James Gardner, Charles T. Child, *Elbridge G. Wheaton.*	*George Wheaton,* *Haile Collins.* George H. Brown, *William H. Turner.*
Barrington. St. John's,	Henry Staples, Allen Brown, *James A. Smith,* Benjamin B. Wood.	Sterry Martin, *Josiah N. Martin,* *Otis G. Harris,* *William J. Bowen.*

NEWPORT COUNTY.

Newport. Trinity,	*David King,* *J. D. Ogden,* J. H. Cozzens, Marshall C. Slocum.	*H. Bull,* *G. C. Mason,* *J. Birkhead.*

Churches.	*Delegates.*	*Substitutes.*
Zion,	*William Cornell,*	*John N. Barlow,*
	Henry Y. Cranston,	*Albert Cottrell,*
	John R. Stanhope, Jr.,	Charles P. Barber,
	George Cozzens.	*William Card.*
Emanuel,	*James Pearson,*	*Edward Smith,*
	John Steele,	*James Harper,*
	Christopher T. White,	*Henry H. Tilley,*
	John Millington.	*Charles S. Stewart.*
Portsmouth. St. Paul's,	John Burrington,	*Geo. W. A. Howard,*
	Benjamin Greene,	*John G. Child,*
	William Barker,	*Joseph Thomas,*
	H. H. Burrington.	*David D. Gifford.*
St. Mary's,	*Albert Coggeshall,*	*Wm. H. Gifford, Sr.,*
	John B. Gould,	*Wm. H. Gifford, Jr.,*
	Christopher Sherman,	*Wm. Bailey,*
	Robert Chase.	*George DeBlois.*

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Westerly. Christ,	*Lyndon Taylor,*	*George D. Cross,*
	William A. Hoxie,	*H. N. Campbell,*
	David Smith,	*Horace Babcock,*
	E. R. Brown.	*Edwin Babcock.*
Wickford, St. Paul's,	*William A. Shaw,*	Allen M. Thomas,
	Gideon Freeborn,	*James Eldred,*
	J. S. McLaughlin,	*J. J. Reynolds,*
	Syria H. Vaughan.	*H. A. Reynolds.*
Wakefield. Ascension,		

KENT COUNTY.

E. Greenwich, St. Luke's,	*James H. Eldredge,*	*S. S. Whiting,*
	Henry Fidler,	*James B. Peirce,*
	William Goddard,	*E. Stanhope,*
	S. B. Wickes.	*T. Schrœder.*
Crompton. St. Philip's,		

The report of the Committee was accepted; and the roll was called.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of a Secretary, when the Rev. Daniel Henshaw was unanimously chosen.

The following Committees were appointed by the Chair:

On Finance,

Messrs. R. H. Ives, H. Staples, George Cozzens.

On Unfinished Business.

Rev. S. A. Crane, D. D. Mr. A. M. Thomas,
Rev. B. P. Talbot, Mr. M. C. Slocum.

On Application of New Parishes.

Rev. H. Waterman, D. D., Rev. T. L. Randolph,
Mr. J. D'W. Perry.

The Committee appointed "to take into consideration the mode of electing Deputies to the General Convention," reported that the last Convention approved of the following proposed amendment to Article XI. of the Constitution: That the words "for each candidate," near the end of the second paragraph, be stricken out; and that, at the end of the paragraph, the following sentence be inserted: "In case any two members of the Convention shall demand it, the ballot shall be taken upon each candidate separately."

Upon motion, the proposed change was again approved, both Orders unanimously voting "aye."

The Bishop then read his

ANNUAL ADDRESS:

I am once more allowed to lay before the Convention the record of my official acts during the year.

On the 14th of August, I instituted the Rev. Charles Wingate into the Rectorship of the Emanuel Church, Newport.

On Sunday evening, September 2d, I preached in the Church of the Redeemer, Providence, and confirmed three persons.

On the Festival of St. Matthew, September 21st, I admitted Mr. J. C. Middleton to the Holy Order of Deacons, in Grace Church, Providence. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Hen-

shaw. At the same time and place, I admitted the Rev. J. P. Tustin to the Holy Order of Priests. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Dr. Waterman.

On the afternoon of the same day, I laid the corner-stone of the new Church to be erected on George Street, Providence; on which occasion, the Rev. Dr. Francis Vinton delivered an interesting and admirable address. This structure, when completed, will be one of the most beautiful and substantial Churches in New England. It is built under the auspices of St. Stephen's Parish, to which corporation it is intended that the property shall be conveyed. The Messrs. Upjohn, of New York, are the architects.

On Thursday, November 15th, I preached in Christ Church, Westerly, and confirmed ten persons.

On Sunday evening, November 18th, I visited the missionary station at South Scituate, preached and confirmed two persons. The ground has been prepared for the erection of a Church in this village, and a deep interest is felt in the establishment of our services there.

On Friday, November 30th, I preached at the re-opening of the Church of the Messiah, Olneyville. The Rev. James Mulchahey has taken the Rectorship of this Parish, and the edifice has been transformed into a convenient and agreeable Church. Every thing indicates a prosperous future.

On the second Sunday in Advent, I preached in the Chapel of Trinity College, Hartford, by appointment, as one of the visitors of that institution. Professor Elliot has recently been made President of the College, and its whole condition is such as to demand the general favor and patronage of Churchmen.

On the fourth Sunday in Advent, I admitted the Rev. N. W. T. Root to the Holy Order of Priests, in Christ Church, Lonsdale. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Dr. Waterman.

On the Sunday after Christmas, I preached in St. John's Church, Barrington, and confirmed five persons.

At the request of the Bishop of New Jersey, I visited St. John's Church, Elizabethtown, in that Diocese, on the second Sunday in Lent, and confirmed nineteen persons.

On the afternoon of the second Sunday after Easter, I preached in St. Peter's Church, Manton, and confirmed three. This Parish is beginning to recover from its depressed condition, and we trust that the beautiful Church, which was once filled with worshippers, may see better times again. In the evening, I preached and confirmed eight persons in the Church of the Messiah, Olneyville.

I confirmed one person, in the presence of a congregation gathered in my own house, on the 18th of April, who had expected to come forward at the confirmation in Christ Church, Lonsdale, but having been suddenly summoned to go forth and aid in saving his country from the ravages of rebellion, he desired first to consecrate himself to the service of his Lord and Master, Jesus Christ,

On the evening of the same day, I preached in St. James' Church, Woonsocket, and confirmed eight persons.

On the third Sunday after Easter, I visited Christ Church, Lonsdale, addressed the Sunday School, preached and confirmed seventeen persons. The Rev. Mr. Root has charge of this Parish, and it has never been in a more vigorous and healthy condition than it is at present. In proportion to the population of the place, the Sunday School is probably the largest in New England, if not in the whole land; and it is, in all respects, a model School. Great credit is due to Mr. Kent, the efficient superintendent, and to his fellow laborers, for their untiring energy and zeal.

In the evening, I preached in St. Paul's Church, Pawtucket, and confirmed nine persons.

On Tuesday, April 23d, I visited Christ Church, Westerly, preached and confirmed nine, making in all nineteen persons during the year. The Parish is, both temporally and spiritually, in a very thriving condition.

On Wednesday, April 24th, I preached in the Church of the Ascension, Wakefield. The Rev. Mr. Leach resigned the Rectorship of this Parish about eight months ago, since which time the Church has been closed for nearly every Sunday. If the zeal of the congregation were equal to their numbers and their pecuniary ability, this lamentable statement would not have been required.

In the evening, I preached in St. Paul's Church, Wickford, and confirmed one person.

On the fourth Sunday after Easter, I confirmed eighteen persons in Grace Church, Providence, one of whom was from St. Paul's, Pawtucket. I have the pleasure of stating that this Church is at last completed, in accordance with the original design. Through the liberality of the citizens of Providence, a chime of sixteen bells has been placed in the tower, the largest and best in the country. More than thirty thousand dollars have been raised and expended upon this noble edifice during the last five years, and we are left without the encumbrance of any debt.

On the festival of St. Philip and St. James, I preached in St. Paul's Church, North Portsmouth.

The next morning, I preached in the Church of the Holy Cross, Middletown. The Rev. Dr. Balch, who has kindly given his gratuitous services to this Parish for several months, has now relinquished the charge of the congregation.

In the afternoon of the same day, I preached in St. Mary's Church, South Portsmouth, and baptized ten persons.

On Tuesday, May 7th, I preached at the Mission Station in Fiskville. A movement is in progress for the permanent settlement of a clergyman over this congregation.

In the evening, I preached in St. Philip's Church, Crompton, and confirmed five persons. The Rev. S. M. Rogers has become the

Rector of this Parish, and the attendance is better than it has been for many years.

On the Sunday after Ascension, I preached in St. John's Church, Barrington, and confirmed two; five persons having been confirmed at a previous visitation.

In the afternoon, I preached in St. Mark's Church, Warren, and confirmed two persons. The Rev. Mr. Maxcy has resigned the Rectorship of this Church, and removed to Troy, in the Diocese of New York. His efficient services, as Secretary of the Convention, should be remembered by us with gratitude.

In the evening, I preached to the congregation of St. Michael's Church, Bristol, and confirmed eight persons. The new Church, which was almost destroyed by an untoward accident, after it had been roofed in, is now in rapid process of completion, and will probably be ready for consecration in a few months.

On Friday, May 17th, at the request of the Assistant Bishop of Connecticut, I admitted Mr. Elisha S. Thomas to the Holy Order of Deacons, in St. Paul's Church, Wickford. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Mr. Flanders.

On Whitsunday, I preached in St. John's Church, Providence, and confirmed eleven persons; one of whom was from Grace Church.

In the evening, I preached in the Church of the Redeemer, Providence, and confirmed fifteen; making in all eighteen persons confirmed during the year.

On Wednesday, May 22d, I preached at the ordination of the graduating class in the Berkeley Divinity School, at Middletown, Conn., and at the same time admitted Mr. Edward M. Gushee to the Holy Order of Deacons. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Dr. Fuller. I am happy to say that this Theological Seminary is in a most prosperous condition.

On Saturday, May 25th, I preached in St. Stephen's Church, Providence, and confirmed six persons, one of whom is a member of Grace Church.

On Trinity Sunday, I preached in St. Andrew's Church, Providence, and confirmed seven persons.

In the evening, I visited the Mission Station, at Spragueville, preached and confirmed five persons. The congregation was very large, and we trust that a Parish will soon be organized.

On Wednesday, June 5th, I preached in St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich, and confirmed five persons.

On Saturday, June 8th, I preached in St. Matthew's Church, Jamestown.

On the second Sunday after Trinity, I preached in Trinity Church, Newport, and confirmed five persons. The Rev. Oliver S. Prescott is at present in charge of this Parish.

In the afternoon, I preached in Emanuel Church, Newport, and confirmed eight persons.

In the evening, I preached in Zion Church, Newport.

All the parishes in the Diocese have been visited, except Emmanuel Church, Manville; St. Thomas Church, Greenville; and the Mission Station, at Burrillville. The appointments at these places have been deferred for a few weeks, in order that I may be able to visit them on a Sunday.

The whole number confirmed during the year is 194; within the Diocese, 175.

I have attended every meeting of the Convocation held during the year. I am glad to report that our missionary stations are supplied with faithful and earnest laborers. But it is a mortifying fact that one-half of our parishes are willing to allow the whole burden of sustaining missionary operations in the Diocese to devolve upon a moiety of the Churches, many of which are in no respect better able to contribute to this good work than others which give nothing. There is no reason why the delinquent parishes should withhold their aid entirely, simply because they are not able, or are not disposed, to contribute the whole amount that is necessary in order to make their Rector a member of the Convocation. There are places in Rhode Island where we should at once establish a missionary, if the requisite funds were at hand. But, while so large a proportion of our Churches give nothing, we must be content with simply holding our own, without the hope of any further increase. Last year, the difficulty consisted in the want of men; it is now in the want of means.

There have been five persons ordained during the year, three of whom were admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons, and two to that of Priests.

The candidates for Orders are as follows: Leander C. Manchester, Daniel Goodwin, James DeWolf Perry, Jr., John H. Rogers, George W. Brown, Henry W. Clark, and Walter B. Noyes.

The following changes have been made in our list of Clergy: The Rev. J. P. Tustin, the Rev. Edward Cowley, the Rev. William K. Leach, the Rev. W. H. Mills, the Rev. Elisha F. Watson, and the Rev. A. G. Mercer, D. D., have been transferred to the Diocese of Massachusetts; the Rev. E. W. Maxcy, to the Diocese of New York; and the Rev. R. H. Tuttle, to the Diocese of Connecticut. The Rev. N. W. T. Root has been received from the Diocese of Connecticut; the Rev. John F. Spaulding, from Massachusetts; the Rev. James Mulchahey, the Rev. John P. Hubbard, and the Rev. S. M. Rogers, from New York. The Rev. J. C. Middleton was transferred to this Diocese from Connecticut, before his ordination. Mr. George B. Allen, candidate for Orders, has been transferred to Pennsylvania.

Our Church Depository is still sustained, although it does not receive the amount of patronage which we have desired and expected. We are greatly indebted to the indefatigable labors of Capt. Amasa Paine, for the continued existence of this institution, and now that he

has been called away from us, in response to his prompt offer of aid to the country, under whose flag he has so long and honorably served, we shall experience great difficulty in continuing the Depository, unless our Clergy and Laity manifest more interest than they have done in its support.

I know of nothing further in the general condition of the Diocese to be noticed at the present time. Our Churches are for the most part prosperous and peaceful; there is a steady increase in the number of our communicants; our Sunday Schools are more thriving than ever before; and, contrary to our fears, there is no diminution in the number of persons confirmed during the current year.

The present condition of affairs in the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States is such as to excite in our hearts feelings of the deepest anxiety and sorrow. It has always been the policy and principle of our Church, in her ministrations and in her legislation, carefully to avoid all topics of mere political or secular interest. In order to prevent the possibility of alienation on the part of any local section of the Church, we have uniformly abstained, even from "good words," bearing upon ethical questions of a delicate nature which are neither political or secular. We have cherished the integrity of our national Church, as a treasure to be preserved at almost any cost; we have known no North and no South, no East and no West; and while other religious bodies have, one after another, been sundered by sectional differences, we have endeavored "to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace."

In the present solemn juncture of the nation, we felt that we had a right to expect that our bishops and clergy at the South would have done their best to avert any open rupture in the body of Christ; that men, who have been praying all their lives to be delivered from "sedition, conspiracy and rebellion," would have vigorously exerted themselves to stay the tide of delusion which threatens to sweep away all that we hold most precious and sacred; that they would have yielded to the popular clamor only so far as they felt themselves obliged to do by the stern necessity of the case; that they would have hesitated long, before yielding to a policy which must insure the destruction of our missionary enterprises at home and abroad, and effectually alienate those who have, all their life long, been accustomed to live and labor together as brethren. In all these respects, with some signal and noble exceptions, we have been sadly and sorely disappointed. In certain instances, the action of rebellious politicians has been anticipated by the authorities of the Church, and such a course has been pursued as must of necessity seriously embarrass and complicate the re-union of the Church, whenever the nation is restored again to a condition of peace and unity; or make a fraternal arrangement between the two sections of the Church very difficult, if not impossible, if it should unfortunately result that we can never live together any more as one people and one Communion.

I have united with other bishops in a protest, addressed to the Committee in charge of our General Domestic Missions, against the further payment of any of our funds to missionaries in the Diocese of Alabama; the Convention of the Church in that State having, by a formal act, rescinded the article in their Constitution by which they were pledged to allegiance to the Episcopal Church in the United States of America. The signers of this protest do not by any means intend to recognize the division or rupture of the Church as an acknowledged fact; for we cannot but hope that better counsels may still prevail, and that those who have temporarily taken the attitude of schism and rebellion, will, in time, recognize the loyalty which they owe to the Church and the government. Never, in the history of the world, has there been a rebellion of such awful magnitude, involving such frightful possibilities, and putting in peril so many precious interests, for which there is so meagre an apology to be made. It is treason against the most beneficent and prosperous government ever vouchsafed by God to man; and it has broken upon us at a time when the most perfect security to all the rights of man, consistent with human institutions, prevailed in every section of the land. It is preceded by no statement of actual grievances, for which there is not an adequate remedy under the Constitution; it is provoked by no reasonable fear of grievances. It is a crime against civilization; and one year ago it would have seemed impossible that good men, and Christian men, in such vast multitudes, could ever have been drawn into this vortex of delusion.

It is an awful but stern necessity which has forced us to make armed resistance to this foul treason. There has never been an emergency summoning men to the deadly strife, in which there has been manifested a deeper sense of the moral grandeur of the work to be accomplished, or more absolute reliance upon the right, and a more real and faithful trust in God. If the Great Being whom we serve be a God of law, of government, of civilization and of freedom, we are sure of His blessing. It is no private wrong that we aim to redress; it is no mere encroachment upon our property that we seek to repel; it is no lust of conquest that fires us; but we contend for our national existence, for order and for law.

Not by water only, but by water and blood, was the Christian Church inaugurated. By such a baptism as this our nation was born into new life—the sacrament must be renewed again, for the salvation of the nation.

There is no release in this war; no retreat, until the question is settled for which we now contend. And under the shadow of God we will make our refuge, until these calamities be overpast. We trust that, as a people, we shall be better and stronger and purer, for the ordeal of fire through which we are called to pass; that we shall have sturdier nerves and more heroic hearts. We are now learning the lessons of self-sacrifice. And while we pray for courage to do our duty, let us beware of all evil and revengeful feeling. Let us never

forget that we contend with our own brethren, and be ready to hail with joy the first indication of peace that is consistent with the preservation of government and religion.

The Treasurer presented and read his Annual Report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (*See Appendix.*)

The Standing Committee asked and obtained leave to defer presenting their Report until to-morrow morning.

The Report of the Board of Missions was then read and accepted:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Board of Missions report to the Convention that, within the past year, meetings of the Missionary Convocation have been held in St. John's Church, Barrington; Emanuel Church, Newport; Grace Church, Providence; and St. Paul's Church, North Providence.

According to the Treasurer's statement, the amount of receipts was $1,614 35, and of expenditures, $1,414 14.

No new stations have been established during the past year.

Crompton is no longer a part of the valley of the Pawtuxet Mission. The Rev. Silas M. Rogers was appointed to the charge of St. Philip's Church, Crompton, sometime in January last. Since he commenced his labors there, ten children have been baptised, five persons have been confirmed, and five added to the Communion. The morning congregation varies from forty-five to sixty-five. Nearly all of the people are connected with factories or print-works in the neighborhood; therefore, the station is suffering very much from the present melancholy condition of the country. The Missionary reports the Sunday School as in a very prosperous condition; and that he has made about three hundred pastoral visits.

The Station at Burrillville is reported by the Missionary in charge to be in a more flourishing condition than at any previous time during the last three years. A service is held there every Sunday morning. The attendance for the last six months has averaged seventy-five. The Sunday School numbers sixty scholars, with an average attendance of a little more than thirty. The Chapel and fixtures are valued at $2,000; but there is a debt of about $300. Two-thirds of the slips are rented at a low rate. The Mission has done, and is still doing, much good—sufficient to warrant all the outlay of time, labor and money which has been made. There is, probably, no place in the Diocese where the Church is more needed. The Chapel is, as yet, the only Protestant house of worship in the place; and the population

is large and is increasing every year. Now is the time for the Church to put forth her strength, if she would secure this place as a permanent possession.

One of our Missionaries commenced officiating at Richmond Mills, in South Scituate, about the first of July last, and held a service there once a fortnight, until January first of the present year. The attendance, during the Summer and Fall, averaged about fifty. A decided interest was felt in the permanent establishment of the Church. Through the exertions of several ladies, and others, a subscription, for the erection of a Church building, amounting, some time ago, to about $1,200, was secured; and a lot, well situated and of good size, was presented by a gentlemen interested in the success of the object. A beautiful plan of a Church to cost about $2,000, was, also, presented. When our Missionary ceased officiating there, it was thought that the building would be commenced during the Spring just past. Nothing seemed wanting to secure, with the blessing of God, entire success, but cordial, united action on the part of the friends of the Church. An intelligent gentlemen, who was a member of the Baptist denomination, but a constant attendant on our services, stated that there was a large class of the better-informed people in the neighborhood who felt no interest in any other religious services; many of whom would be likely to attend the services of the Church if permanently established. One adult and one infant were baptised by the Missionary; and two persons were confirmed. There are six or eight communicants. A good Sunday School has been regularly sustained.

At Manton, service is held every Sunday morning. The attendance varies from thirty to sixty. Hardly any of the men in this neighborhood attend any religious services with regularity; but they are nearly all utterly indifferent to everything of a religious character. The Sunday School consists of four teachers and forty scholars. The Missionary instructs a Bible class of ten or twelve adults, three of whom were confirmed in April. The soil in this field is *very hard.*

The same faithful Missionary, whose labors in Scituate and Johnston we have just been referring to, has regularly officiated in Manville, on Sunday afternoons, since early in January last. The congregations have averaged about fifty persons. There is a Sunday School there which is supposed to be in a flourishing condition, although we are not able to report definitely about it. A resident clergyman is needed; but the people do not feel themselves able to raise a sufficient salary to support one, even with a reasonable amount of help from the Convocation. There are more than twenty families connected with the Parish, and, probably, more money might be raised by them if some person would take the trouble to circulate a subscription paper. When the manufacturing business is again good, it is thought that the prospects of the Church will be decidedly encouraging in this field where the lamented Penny labored so long and faithfully. Here,

as at other stations, there is a band of excellent women who are willing to do all in their power to further the Church's work.

Since we made our last report, a beloved brother, who had labored faithfully in our missionary field during the eight years of his ministry, has removed into another Diocese where there was a more extended and inviting prospect of usefulness before him. Before leaving the Church of the Messiah, great improvements had been commenced in the Church building, and arrangements had been made by him to meet the expense thereby incurred. The title to the property had also been secured for the Corporation of the Parish. The good arising from these measures became, at once, very apparent. A successor entered into the field almost immediately after Mr. Mills left it, whose labors have been highly acceptable and abundantly blessed. The Church of the Messiah was never in anything like so flourishing a condition as it is at present. Were it not for the necessity of paying the interest on the mortgage on the Church lot, the Parish would need no further assistance from the Convocation. It is evident that there is abundant material for a large and flourishing Church in the part of the city near its Western boundary and the thickly populated region beyond.

Our Missionary at this point officiates regularly in Sprague ville, where he meets with most encouraging success. Sprague ville, however, is in no way connected with the Convocation.

In conclusion, we would say that if the fact that there are people in abundance in the vicinity of *all* our Stations, who are not connected with any religious denomination, and who are living in infidelity and irreligion, is reason enough for sustainiug the Missions of the Church, there is good cause not only for carrying on the work already in hand, but also for greatly extending our operations.

"Brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified."

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(No Report.)

BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

(No Report.)

The Board of Churches and Glebes presented their Report, which was read and accepted:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCHES AND GLEBES.

The Trustees of Churches and Glebes respectfully report their proceedings for the past year to the Convention:

They authorized the sale of the old Church building at Manton,

and the proceeds to be expended towards the erection of sheds, and the repairs of the fence.

They have leased the parsonage at Crompton, the Parish being without a minister at the time.

At a special meeting, April 8th, 1861, a memorial from St. Andrew's Church was presented and read. The substance of the request was that the property should be transferred to that Parish. At that meeting the Trustees decided not to take final action. The subject was renewed on the 15th of April, and, upon an examination of the canon under which they act, the Trustees voted, that they had no power to give such a title as was desired, and the Secretary was directed to bring the subject before the Convention at its present meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. GRINNELL, *Sec. and Treas.*

June 11, 1861.

The report of the Depository Board was then read and accepted:

REPORT OF THE DEPOSITORY BOARD.

The business of the Depository has been as successful during the past year as the Board could reasonably have expected. Capt. Paine has continued to give to its affairs his constant supervision, as heretofore; and the Board would here record anew their sense of indebtedness for all his "offices of love."

The sales for the year ending June first, amounted to two thousand one hundred and eighty-four ($2,184) dollars, being an advance of about three hundred dollars upon those of the preceding year. The stock of books, &c., now on hand, is estimated at eleven hundred and sixty-four 78-100 dollars.

The Report of the Board for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, and of Superannuated and Infirm Clergymen, was read and referred to the Committee on Finance. (See Appendix.)

The Treasurer then presented his Report upon the Bishop's salary, which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (See Appendix.)

The following Memorial from the Corporation of St. Andrew's Church, Providence, was presented and read:

To the Convention of the Prot. Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Rhode Island:

At a meeting of the Corporation of St. Andrew's Church, Providence, held June 10th, 1861, the following preamble and resolutions were, unanimously, adopted:—

Whereas, The Committee appointed at a Parish meeting on Monday in Easter week, and who were instructed to apply to the Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes in this Diocese for a transfer to this Corporation of the title to the property now used by St. Andrew's Church, reported to the Parish, at a subsequent meeting, that they had applied, according to the instructions given them, and had received in answer the following communication, signed by the Secretary of the said Board:

"*Voted*, That the Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes are not prepared, at present, to take final action with regard to the removal of St. Andrew's Church." And

Whereas, The Committee had made no application to said Board for action with regard to the removal of St. Andrew's Church, but simply for the transfer of the title to the Church property to the Parish, which has been self-supporting and a regular contributor to the various benevolent and charitable objects of the Church for at least six years past, the same Committee were continued in order to repeat the application. And

Whereas, The said Committee have reported to this meeting that they made a second communication to the Board, calling their attention to the apparent misunderstanding of the object of their application, and requesting that, if the Board had any hesitation about acceding to the wish of the Parish, the members of the Committee might be allowed to appear, in person, before the Board and present their case; and that they received the following communication, signed by the Secretary of the Board:

"The application of St. Andrew's Church, which is renewed by communication of the 9th inst., is presented and read. Whereupon, it is

"*Voted*, That this Board, upon an examination of the Canon under which we act, find that we are without power to give such title as is desired.

"*Voted*, That the Secretary be directed to bring the subject before the Convention of the Diocese, at its next meeting." Therefore

Resolved, That the Rector and lay delegates from St. Andrew's Church to the next Diocesan Convention be, and are, hereby requested to bring the application of this Corporation before the Convention,

and, if possible, secure the object which the Parish deems so highly important for its future welfare.

In compliance with the request of the Corporation of St. Andrew's Church, the undersigned would say to the Convention that they suppose the Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes were appointed to hold property, such as that referred to in the foregoing preamble and resolution, until such time only as any Parish, which is in any way under their direction, becomes able to manage its own affairs and desires to possess the Church building, &c., occupied by them.

We are credibly informed that the Canon by which the Board of Churches and Glebes was created, was adopted upon the recommendation of the then Bishop of the Diocese, he having learned that certain applications for aid in building Churches at Missionary Stations had met with an unfavorable response, because there was supposed to be no sufficient security that money, if given, would be properly used and made of permanent benefit to the Church.

When St. Andrew's Church was built, it was designed and used as a *free Mission Church*. There was, therefore, the best reason why the title to the property should be vested in the recently established Board. Owing to causes which it is unnecessary for us fully to unfold, the Church may be said to have become almost, if not quite, extinct, eight years ago.

It is now seven years since St. Andrew's Church was removed from its former location on Hospital Street. For nearly a year the Church had been closed and left uncared for. The Convocation had refused to make any further appropriation for sustaining services there. The building was rapidly going to decay. With the consent of the Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes, it was removed to Friendship Street. Upon re-opening the Church, the congregation was very small and the number of old St. Andrew's communicants but fourteen. The Parish was virtually, although not nominally, a *new* one. In less than a year the Church became self-supporting. The congregation has steadily increased, and more than one hundred and fifty have been added to the number of communicants. The contributions for various benevolent objects not connected in any way with the Parish will, we think, compare favorably with those of any Parish in the Diocese. The Church building has been greatly enlarged and very much improved. The money which has been raised for these improvements, and which, in connection with the personal labors of the members of the Parish, has increased the value of the property not less than threefold, has been gathered for the most part through the agency of individuals now anxious that the property should be conveyed to St. Andrew's Corporation. We think that the facts stated above are a sufficient evidence of stability and competence on the part of the Parish to manage its own affairs.

We, therefore, respectfully, but with confidence, ask the Convention

to instruct the proper officer or officers to give to the Corporation of St. Andrew's Church the legal title to the property.

Signed in behalf of the Corporation of St. Andrew's Church.

D. HENSHAW.
GEORGE H. LINCOLN,
H. VAN DOORN,
M. CAREY,
SAMUEL P. CRINS.

Voted, That the application from the Corporation of St. Andrew's Church be referred to a Committee consisting of three laymen.

The Chair appointed the following as the Committee:

Messrs. A. M. Thomas, G. L. Spencer, and R. Waterman.

Voted, That the Convention do now adjourn to meet in Grace Church, for Divine Service, at nine o'clock, to-morrow morning; and again, in this place, for business immediately after.

JUNE 12th, 9 o'clock.

The Convention met in Grace Church. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Messrs. Chevers and Thomas.

After Service, the Convention was called to order, in the Chapel, by the Bishop.

The Roll was called; and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The Standing Committee then presented their Report, which was read and accepted:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

To the Convention of the Diocese of Rhode Island:

The Standing Committee respectfully report: That their first meeting was held on the 15th day of June, 1860. All the members elect except Alexander Duncan, Esq., were present.

Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D., was elected President, and Edward Walcott, Secretary.

At this meeting, John Henry Rogers was recommended to be admitted a candidate for Holy Orders.

The meeting having been called at the request of Bishop Clark to consider a petition from the Rev. A. G. Mercer, in reference to All-Saints Chapel, Newport, the Bishop, Dr. Mercer, and gentlemen representing Trinity and Emanuel Churches, Newport, being present, the petition was read and advocated by Dr. Mercer, and opposed by the delegates from Trinity and Emanuel Churches. After a patient hearing of the parties, the Committee retired; and after consultation, passed a resolution embodying their views on the subject, a copy of which was communicated to all the parties represented, and to the Rector and Wardens of Zion Church.

The second meeting was held on the seventh of September. The Rev. Josiah P. Tustin was recommended a candidate for Priest's Orders.

John Coverly Middleton, a candidate for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Connecticut, and transferred to the ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, was recommended to be admitted to the Sacred Order of Deacons.

William C. Mills was recommended a candidate for Holy Orders.

The third meeting of the Committee was held at the house of the President, on the 23d of November.

George W. Brown, M. D., was recommended to be admitted a candidate for Holy Orders.

On the 21st of December, the fourth meeting of the Committee was convened at the house of the President.

The testimonials of Rev. N. W. T. Root, recently transferred from the Diocese of Connecticut, applying for Priest's Orders, were read, and, being approved, he was recommended accordingly to be admitted to the Priesthood, and the canonical certificate was signed and forwarded to the Bishop.

Henry W. Clark was recommended to be admitted a candidate for Holy Orders.

At the fifth meeting of the Committee, held on the 11th day of March, 1861, James DeWolf Perry, Jr., was recommended to be admitted a candidate for Holy Orders, to date from the fourth of September last, that being the date of his original application.

The sixth meeting of the Committee was held at the office of the Secretary, on Tuesday the 14th of May.

The testimonial of the Committee in favor of Edward Manning Gushee, applying for admission to the Order of Deacons, was signed and forwarded to the Bishop.

The Seventh meeting was holden at the office of the Secretary, on June tenth, all the members present, except Rev. Dr. Crane.

The Bishop, being present, presented a certificate signed by the Chairman and Secretary of a meeting for the organization of a new

Parish in Newport, by the name of "All-Saints Parish." Also, a petition signed by the Wardens and Vestry of said Parish, asking to be recognized as a Parish. The subject was duly considered, and action thereon postponed until the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee held a special meeting in the Vestry of Grace Church, on the eleventh instant. All the members of the Committee and Bishop Clark were present. The petition of the Wardens and Vestry of All-Saints Church was considered, and, on motion,

Voted, unanimously, That the petition be granted, and they accordingly advise and consent to the formation of a new Parish in the city of Newport, under the name of All-Saints Parish.

EDWARD WALCOTT, *Secretary.*

Providence, June 12, 1861.

The Finance Committee presented their Report on Current Expenses, which, on motion, was accepted, and the accompanying resolution adopted. (See Appendix.)

The same Committee presented their Report on the Salary of the Bishop, which was also accepted, and the accompanying resolution adopted. (See Appendix.)

E. W. Howard, Esq., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer of the Convention.

The following Boards were then chosen; the ballot being, by unanimous consent, dispensed with:—

Standing Committee.

Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	Mr. Resolved Waterman,
" George Taft, D. D.,	" Edward Walcott,
" H. Waterman, D. D.,	" George Lewis Cooke,
" S. A. Crane, D. D.,	" R. H. Ives.

Board of Education.

(The Bishop, Chairman, *ex officio.*)

Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	E. W. Howard, Esq.,
" James Mulchahey,	William Binney, Esq.

Board of Sunday Schools.

(The Bishop, Chairman, *ex officio.*)

Rev. D. Henshaw,	Mr. E. W. Howard,
" W. Stow,	" R. M. Larned.

Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes.

(The Bishop, Chairman, *ex officio.*)

Mr. W. T. Dorrance,	Mr. W. T. Grinnell,
" Amasa Manton.	" Wm. Binney.

Board of Fund for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.

(The Bishop, Chairman, *ex officio.*)

Mr. W. T. Grinnell,	Mr. Edward Walcott,
" Resolved Waterman,	" M. B. I. Goddard.

Depository Board.

Rev. N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	Mr. E. W. Howard,
" H. Waterman, D. D.,	" Edward Walcott.

The Committee on the memorial from St. Andrew's Church presented the following Report:

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the propriety of transferring the title of St. Andrew's Church property from this Convention to the Corporation of St. Andrew's Church, report that, one of their number having been absent till a late hour, the time for their deliberations was so limited, that they could not determine upon any course to recommend to this Convention. They would, therefore, refer the entire matter back to the Convention.

A. M. THOMAS, *Chairman.*

Voted, That the report be accepted and the Committee discharged.

The following resolution was then passed:—

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes be, and they hereby are, authorized and requested to transfer to the Corporation of St. Andrew's Church, the title to the real estate on which St. Andrew's Church stands, now held by this Convention, upon re-

ceiving such security for the sum of one thousand dollars, ($1,000,) now held by said Convention thereon, as to said Board shall be satisfactory.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported that there is no such business to be attended to by this Convention.

Voted, That the next Convention be held in Grace Church, Providence.

Voted, That one thousand copies of the Journal of this Convention be printed and distributed under the direction of the Secretary and Treasurer.

Voted, That, if the funds will permit, the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this Diocese, be printed in the appendix to the Journal.

Voted, That each Parish receive not less than fifteen copies of the Journal, and that the remainder be distributed *pro rata*, according to the assessment made for Convention expenses by the Committee on Finance.

Voted, That a Committee of two be appointed to prepare the Constitution and Canons for publication.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Dr. Waterman and E. W. Howard, Esq., as that Committee.

The Treasurer made a verbal Report that the bequest of Mrs. Esther Slater had been received and invested by him.

Voted, That, after the proceedings of to-day have been read, and the usual devotional exercises, the Convention adjourn.

After Prayers and Benediction by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

T. M. CLARK, *President*.

D. HENSHAW, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

PROVIDENCE COUNTY.

GRACE CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 13; Infants, 12; total, 25. Confirmed, 19. Present number of Communicants, 470. Sunday School,—Teachers, 45; Scholars, 407. Marriages, 10; Burials, 20. Missionary and charitable contributions, $1850.

THOMAS M. CLARK, *Rector.*

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 1; Infants, 20; total, 21. Confirmed, 10. Communicants added, 11. Died and removed, 9. Whole number, about 300. Sunday Schools,—Three; the Morning has 201 scholars; the Noon, (colored,) 75; Infant, 30; total, 306; average attendance for the year in School No. 1, has been 129; in the colored, 50; and in the Infant, 25; Teachers, in all, 44. Contributions of Schools, $574 99. Marriages, 13; Burials, 12. The Missionary and Charitable contributions since June, 1860, to June, 1861, $10,252—not including $5,356 for the support of Public Worship, nor the Communion Alms, which average but a little short of $30.

N. B. CROCKER, *Rector.*

Providence, June 11th, 1861.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 3; Infants, 16; total, 19. Confirmed, 6. Communicants, added, 7. Died or removed, 9. Present number,

180. Sunday School,—Teachers, 23; Scholars, 150. Marriages, 8; Burials, 16. Missionary, and other Charitable contributions, $1,800.

H. WATERMAN, *Rector.*

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 2; Infants, 13; total, 15. Confirmed, 7. Communicants, added, 26; Died and removed, 8; Present number, 133. Marriages, 2; Burials, 10. Sunday School,—Teachers, 18; Scholars, 135; Sunday School at St. Peter's Chapel—Teachers, 33; Scholars, 232; total—Teachers, 51; Scholars, 367. Missionary and charitable offerings, $778 70.

D. HENSHAW, *Rector.*

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 8; Infants, 32; total, 40. Confirmed, 13. (Five at Sprague ville.) Communicants, added, 19; Died and removed, 11; Present number, 64. Sunday School,—Teachers, 20; Scholars, 175. Marriages, 6; Burials, 21. Missionary and Charitable contributions, $294 17.

In taking charge of this Church, on the resignation of Mr. Mills, in October, the undersigned had but little expectation beyond that of combining some measure of usefulness with conditions that seemed to be favorable for recruiting health and strength. And he has as yet accepted the Rectorship only on this temporary basis. But whether it shall be hereafter his providential lot to continue ministering here or not, he would express most emphatically his conviction that a "good foundation" has been laid by his predecessors for the Church in this locality, and that the importance of continuing to build upon it can hardly be over-estimated. Besides the increasing population in this Western section of the city, there is a large out-lying manufacturing district that cannot be supplied efficiently with the ministrations of the Church otherwise than through this Parish. Whether, indeed, a permanent Church edifice should be erected on the present lot may hereafter be a question; but it should be, as the present building is, near the Western city limit. The improvements in this building, in progress and nearly completed when the undersigned entered upon the charge, have made it Church-like, and suitable, for some time to come, for its sacred purposes.

In obtaining subscriptions for these improvements, Mr. Mills secured the title to the property in the hands of the Parish. And he hoped, at the same time, to have secured it thus unencumbered; but an old mortgage of $2,000,00 remains, notwithstanding his efforts,

still upon it. Were it not for this, the Parish would now be self-supporting—as the appropriation which it receives from the Convocation amounts to but little more than the interest on its debt.

It is due to a kind and generous friend—who desires to be unknown—to record that the Church has recently received—what it very much needed—a new and very chaste Communion Set.

The services at Spragueville are still continued and with encouraging results.

J. MULCHAHEY, *Rector.*

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 8; Infants, 14; total, 22. Confirmed, 18. Communicants, about 100. Sunday School,—Teachers, 30; scholars, 272; total, 302; Average attendance from June 1, 1860, to June 1, 1861, 205. Marriages, 4; Burials, 10. Missionary and Charitable contributions,—Special offerings, (chiefly Foreign and Domestic Missions,) $83 03; Sunday School offerings, (for Missions—Domestic, Foreign, Diocesan and City,) $214 49; Weekly offerings, $336 64; Communion Alms, $83 06; Collection for Library, $33 80; total, $751 02.

This does not include considerable sums furnished the Rector for charitable uses within the Parish, amounting in all to about two hundred dollars.

Among many tokens of individual regard for the Parish since the last report, should be mentioned with grateful interest, a set of tablets, of superior design and construction, and possessing an especial value, as the gift of one of the first and most devoted friends of the Parish now gone to her rest and her reward.

During the past year a beautiful and commodious Rectory has been built under the auspicies of the Trustees, upon a valuable and most elegible lot donated for the purpose by Miss Sarah Halsey.

This munificent provision for the permanent welfare of the Parish has been made by the unwearied beneficence of its original friends, chiefly those of St. John's Church, whose ever thoughtful interest has left nothing wanting which liberality and kindness could provide for the prosperity of the "Church of the Redeemer," and for the happiness of its Rector.

CHARLES H. WHEELER, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, NORTH PROVIDENCE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 1; Infants, 27; total, 28. Confirmed, 10. Communicants, added, 10; Died and removed, 4; Present number,

about 265. Sunday School—Teachers, 21; Scholars, 200. Marriages, 45; Burials, 46. Missionary and other collections, $361 27.

GEORGE TAFT, *Rector.*

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MANTON.

Baptisms,—Adults, 0; Infants, 4; total, 4. Confirmed, 3. Communicants—Died, removed and withdrawn, 5; Present number, 24. Sunday School—Teachers, 4; Scholars, 50. Marriages, 5; Burials, 7. Contributions, $66 61. Of this sum there has been received from Communion, and other public collections, 45 73. Private collections, $20 88. These sums include the money expended for fuel and for repairs of furnace. Of Communion and other collections, there was contributed to general Missions, $1 53; to fund for Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, $2 46; to Kansas Sufferers, $8 44. The balance of all the collections, public and private, was expended for the Sunday School.

During the year, by the permission of the Committee for Churches and Glebes, the old Church building has been sold at auction for $135 25, and the money expended in finishing the fence around the Church and building a shed.

The Parish, though feeble, it is believed is in a better condition than when the Misionary entered upon his charge, a year ago.

T. L. RANDOLPH, *Missionary.*

CHRIST CHURCH, LONSDALE.

Baptisms,—Adults, 2; Infants, 24; total, 26. Confirmed, 18. Communicants, added, 3; Died and removed, 16; Present number, 162. Sunday Schools, 2; Teachers, 40; Scholars, 330. Marriages, 7; Burials, 18. Missionary and charitable contributions, $292 85.

One of the Sunday Schools has been recently organized, under the superintendence of a zealous layman of the Parish, at "the Ballou School-house," in Cumberland. There are already about sixty scholars and eight teachers, and the work is increasing in numbers and interest.

The other Sunday School, belonging to the Parish proper, deserves mention. There are thirty-two teachers and two hundred and seventy scholars. The average attendance for the last six months has been, of the teachers, twenty-nine; of the scholars, two hundred and forty-five. The School has contributed $78 toward the increase of the library; the Christmas Offering amounted to $88, and was given to the Rhode Island Convocation, constituting the Rector a member for

the year. The faithful labors of the superintendent and teachers have been blessed to the good of the Parish and of the whole village.

N. W. Taylor Root, *Rector.*

EMANUEL CHURCH, MANVILLE.

The subscriber was placed in charge of this Church, the second Sunday of January last; has held the afternoon service there. The congregations have averaged fifty persons. The Sunday School consists of about sixty scholars. There are about twenty-five Communicants remaining in the Parish. Owing to the great distance of the Missionary's residence and his small salary, he has been unable to do much more than officiate on Sundays. There are more than twenty families connected with the Parish, and it is believed that with greater exertion on their part a larger sum might be secured toward the support of their Minister. The manufacturing interest is so depressed that much improvement cannot be anticipated there for the present. They desire very strongly the services of a resident Clergyman, but do not now feel themselves able, even with a reasonable appropriation from the Convocation, to support one. Rev. Mr. Goodwin officiated for them the greater part or all of the first half of the Conventional year.

There have been two marriages by the present Missionary; and the Communion collections have amounted to $8 89, of which sum $2 00 was in behalf of the Fund for the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen.

T. L. Randolph, *Missionary in charge.*

June 11, 1861.

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, WOONSOCKET.

Baptisms,—Adults, 5; Infants, 20; total, 25. Confirmed, 8. Communicants, added, 9; Died and removed, 7; Present number, 161. Sunday School,—Teachers, 23; Scholars, 170. Marriages, 24; Burials 17. Missionary and charitable contributions, $212 01.

During the past year we have been favored with the erection of a large and convenient parsonage, neat and tasteful in its architecture, well built, and pleasantly situated near the Church. This is a great accommodation, and will be of permanent benefit to the Parish; and for which we are solely indebted to the kindness and liberality of Mr. Crawford Allen. The same gentleman has recently presented to us upwards of five hundred volumes of valuable books, as an addition to our Sunday School Library. May the Lord reward him, and make us truly thankful.

B. P. TALBOT, *Rector.*

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, GREENVILLE, AND MISSION STATION, BURRILLVILLE.

Baptisms,—Infants, 7. Communicants, added, 2; removed, 2; Present number, 58. Sunday School,—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 42. Marriages, 7; Burials, 4. Missionary and charitable contributions, $79 13.

The services of the Church have been continued at Burrillville without interruption through the year. The sum of $130 has been contributed there towards completing and furnishing the Chapel. Missionary and charitable contributions, $10. Average congregation, 75. Sunday School,—Teachers, 6; Scholars, 60. The prospects of this Mission appear more encouraging than at any previous time since it has been in my charge.

B. H. Chase, *Rector.*

THE MISSION STATION AT RICHMOND MILLS, SOUTH SCITUATE.

The subscriber officiated at this Station every fortnight at one service, from the first of July to the first of January last. The congregations averaged about fifty persons. There were two baptisms, one Adult and one Infant; and two persons were Confirmed. A Sunday School was in successful operation. About $1,200 dollars have been secured towards the erection of a Church, and a commodious lot and a beautiful plan presented. Very considerable interest is felt in the establishment of the Church in that neighborhood. If a Missionary is kept upon the ground, it is believed that before very long the Church will be erected. With one or two exceptions, there have been no services since the first of January last.

T. L. Randolph, *Late Missionary in charge.*

June 11, 1861.

BRISTOL COUNTY.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BRISTOL.

Baptisms,—Adults, 5; Infants, 23; total, 28. Confirmed, 8. Communicants, added, 8; Died and removed, 4; Present number, 304. Sunday School,—Teachers, 18; Scholars, 160. Marriages, 2; Burials, 20. Missionary and Charitable contributions, $432 43.

Wm. Stow, *Rector.*

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, WARREN.

Baptisms,—Adults, 1. Confirmed, 2. Communicants, added, 2. Died and removed, 7; present number, 124. Marriages, 6; Burials, 15.

The Church is, at present, without a Rector, Rev. E. W. Maxcy, Jr., having resigned on Easter Sunday. Services have been regularly held, various Clergymen supplying us.

GEO. LEWIS COOKE, *Junior Warden.*

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, BARRINGTON.

Baptisms,—Adults, 4; Infants, 3; total, 7. Confirmed, 7. Communicants, added, 9; Died and removed, 6; present number, 47. Sunday School,—Teachers, 8; Scholars, 70. Marriages, 1; Burials, 4. Missionary and other contributions within the Parish, $53 61; without the Parish, $99 26; Parochial purposes, exclusive of pew rents, $377 51; total, $530 38.

F. J. WARNER, *Rector.*

NEWPORT COUNTY.

TRINITY CHURCH, NEWPORT.

Baptisms,—Infants, 7. Communicants, added, 48; Died 5; Removed, 50; present number, 248. Marriage, 1; Burials, 6. Sunday School,—Teachers, 21; Pupils, 150. Contributions, $779 88.

O. S. PRESCOTE, *Rector elect.*

ZION CHURCH, NEWPORT.

(Report received too late for insertion.*)

EMANUEL CHURCH, NEWPORT.

Baptisms,—Adults, 5; Infants, 22; total, 27. Confirmed 8. Communicants, added, 17; Died and removed, 25; present number, 119. Sunday Schools, 1; Teachers, 12; Scholars, 150; Parish School, 1; Teachers, 2; Scholars, 75. Marriages, 5; Burials, 15. Offerings for Parish Expenses, $1,515 84; Sunday School Offerings, Missionary, $32 06; Charitable Offerings, $66 13.

In addition to the usual Sunday services, there have been Morning and Evening Prayers on all Holy Days, and daily Morning Prayer during the summer months. The Parish School is in a very prosperous

*See Abstract, p. 38.

condition, and the increase has been so great as to require the aid of an assistant teacher. This School is supported entirely by voluntary donations. Over nine hundred Parish visits have been made. The gain in Parishioners, during my Rectorship of two and a half years, has been one hundred and fifty-five; of which number eighty-two are Communicants. The Parish has lost, in the same time, by death and removal, one hundred and seventy persons. This Church, which in the most prosperous times depends so largely for support on the offerings of the summer congregations, will this year need more than ever their aid and sympathy.

CHARLES WINGATE, *Rector.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, PORTSMOUTH.

Baptisms,—Infants, 1. Communicants,—Died and removed, 1; present number, 44. Sunday School,—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 30. Marriages, 1; Burials, 3. Missionary and charitable contributions, $26 00.

We gratefully acknowledge our indebtedness to H. H. Burrington, Esq., of Providence, for his generous gift of an ornamented window of stained glass, which adds very much to the appearance and convenience of the Chancel.

G. W. CHEVERS, *Rector.*

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PORSMOUTH, AND HOLY CROSS CHAPEL, MIDDLETOWN.

To the Rt. Rev. T. M. Clark, D. D., Bishop of Rhode Island:

Baptisms—Adults, 1; Infants, 3; total, 4. Confirmed, 2. Communicants, added, 4; Died and removed, 2; present number 67. Sunday School,—Teachers, 6; Scholars, 40. Marriage, 1; Burials, 4. Missionary and charitable contributions, $225.

The Rev. Dr. Balch continued his gratuitous services at Holy Cross during the past year.

H. WILLIAMS, *Rector.*

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, JAMESTOWN.

Baptisms,—Adults, 2; Infants, 1; total, 3. Communicants, added, 1; Died, 1; present number, 12. Marriages, 2; Funerals, 2. Missionary and other charitable offerings of the Parish about $36.

GEORGE ANTHONY, *Deacon.*

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WICKFORD.

Baptisms,—Adults, 1; Infants, 1; total, 2. Confirmed, 1. Communicants, added, 2; Died and removed, 2; present number, 97. Sunday School,—Teachers, 9; Scholars, 50. Marriages, 0; Burials, 4. Missionary and charitable collections, $241 42.

A. B. FLANDERS, *Rector.*

CHRIST CHURCH, WESTERLY.

Baptisms,—Adults, 5; Infants, 11; total, 16. Confirmed, 19. Communicants, added, 28; Died and removed, 2; present number, 134. Sunday School,—Teachers, 16; Scholars, 95. Marriages, 6; Burials, 12. Missionary and charitable contributions,—Church, $453 66; Sunday School, $112 28; total, $565 94.

In addition to the above, the parsonage has been altered and enlarged at an expense of $2,250, and $2,000 have been subscribed to pay off a debt which had been gradually accumulating for some years past. Under our present system, our income is fully adequate to meet all current expenses. Total amount of contributions for the year, $4,815 94.

J. P. HUBBARD, *Rector.*

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, WAKEFIELD.

The Wardens respectfully report that the Rev. William A. Leach resigned the charge of this Church, October 1st, 1860, since which time the Parish has suffered for want of the regular ministrations of a Pastor. The Parish has only been favored with occasional services. We trust the time is not far distant when we shall enjoy the oversight and care of an efficient Rector.

STEPHEN A. ROBINSON, }
GEORGE G. PEARSE, } *Wardens.*

Wakefield, June 10, 1861.

KENT COUNTY.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, EAST GREENWICH.

Baptisms,—Adult, 1; Infants, 2; total, 3. Confirmed, 5. Communicants, added, 5; Died, 2; present number about 70. Sunday School,—Teachers, 10; Scholars, about 75; average attendance, 42. Missionary and charitable contributions, $32.

S. A. CRANE, *Rector.*

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, CROMPTON.

Baptisms,—Infants, 11. Confirmed, 5. Communicants, 27. Communicants, added, 5. Sunday School,—Teachers, 7; Scholars, 40. Marriages, 2; Burials, 2. Missionary and charitable contributions, $12.

This report covers a little more than *four* months. The present Missionary entered upon the duties of this Parish on the 18th of January last.

S. M. Rogers, *Missionary.*

To the Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, D. D.:

During the past year I have officiated on fifty occasions of public worship, and administered and assisted in administering the Holy Communion eight times. I also report one Marriage and two Funerals.

James H. Carpenter.

Narragansett, June 10, 1861.

Newport, R. I., June 10, 1861.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:

I officiated statedly, at the Church of the Holy Cross, Middletown, from the first of January, 1860, to the twenty-first of April, 1861. I also held occasional services at the Swamp Meeting House.

The Communicants, contributions, &c., properly appear in the report of the Rector of St. Mary's, South Portsmouth.

Lewis P. W. Balch.

Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, D. D.

Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, D. D.:

I have been employed the past year, as heretofore, in the service of the "Church Missionary Union of Providence." The embarrassments of the times have, however, recently led to the suspension of the operations of this Society. At the time of the last Convention I was officiating on Sundays at Emanuel Church, Manville; these services were continued for more than half the year, and till another arrangement was made for the supply of the Parish. I have baptised twenty-eight children, married two couples, officiated at nineteen funerals, and once administered the Holy Communion in private.

D. L. B. Goodwin.

To the Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, D. D.:

Since the last Convention, in connection with my duties as Principal of the Berkeley Institute, I have frequently officiated in Trinity Church, and occasionally in the other Churches of Newport, and in those of Portsmouth and Middletown. In my vacation, also, I have preached in other Dioceses. I have officiated at four baptisms, two marriages and four burials in this city, during the year.

WILLIAM C. LEVERETT.

Newport, June 5, 1861.

To the Rt. Rev. Thomas M. Clark, D. D.:

During the past year I have continued my studies with reference to Priest's Orders, residing the greater part of the time in Warren, and officiating in various Parishes when needed.

I have also assisted the Rev. J. S. B. Hodges, Rector of Grace Church, Newark, New Jersey, for three months.

WILLIAM H. COLLINS, *Deacon.*

Warren, June 11, 1861.

BROOKLYN, June 8, 1861.

To the Rt. Rev., the Bishop of Rhode Island:

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:

In accordance with the requirements of the Canons of the Church, allow me to submit the following report of the official duties performed by me, while acting under your jurisdiction, this year, or since my ordination in September last.

From the time of my ordination, at the request of Bishop Williams, I held service and preached in Clinton, Ct., until I entered on my duties as Assistant Minister of the Church of the Holy Trinity, on the 21st of October. Beside performing the duties devolving upon me in that position, I have, since January 6th, had charge of a Free Mission Chapel, where I have instituted a Sunday School, and also preached and read service once each Sunday.

The record of my official acts is as follows:—Baptisms, 14; Funerals, 8; Marriages, 1; beside having preached on several occasions in other Parishes.

Very Respectfully,

JOHN C. MIDDLETON.

PLACES.	CHURCHES.	RECTOR OR MINISTER.	Baptisms.			Communicants.			Confirmed.	Marriages.	Burials.	S. S.		Sunday Offerings and Contributions for Religious Purposes.
			Adults.	Infants.	Total.	Added.	Died and Removed.	Present Number.				Teachers.	Scholars.	
Providence,	Grace,	T. M. Clark, D. D.,	13	12	25			470	19	10	20	45	407	$1,850 00
"	St. John's,	N. B. Crocker, D. D.,	1	20	21	11	9	300	10	13	12	44	306	11,127 00
"	St. Stephen's,	H. Waterman, D. D.,	3	16	19	7	9	180	6	8	16	23	150	1,800 00
"	St. Andrew's,	D. Henshaw,	2	13	15	26	8	133	7	2	10	51	367	778 70
"	Church of the Messiah,	J. Mulchahey,	8	32	40	19	11	64	13	6	21	20	175	294 17
"	Church of the Redeemer,	C. H. Wheeler,	8	14	22			100	18	4	10	30	272	951 02
"	Church Missionary Union,	D. L. B. Goodwin,		28	28					2	19			
North Providence,	St. Paul's,	G. Taft, D. D.,	1	27	28	10	4	265	10	45	46	21	200	361 27
Johnston,	St. Peter's,	T. L. Randolph,		4	4		5	24	3	5	7	4	50	66 61
Lonsdale,	Christ,	N. W. T. Root,	2	24	26	3	16	162	18	7	18	40	330	292 85
Manville,	Emanuel,							25		2			60	8 89
Woonsocket,	St. James's,	B. P. Talbot,	5	20	25	9	7	161	8	24	17	23	170	212 01
Greenville and Burrillville,	St. Thomas's and Missionary Station,	B. H. Chase,		7	7	2	2	58		7	4	11	102	89 13
Bristol,	St. Michael's,	W. Stow,	5	23	28	8	4	304	8	2	20	18	160	432 43
Warren,	St. Mark's,		1		1	2	7	124	2	6	16			
Barrington,	St. John's,	F. J. Warner,	4	3	7	9	6	47	7	1	4	8	70	530 38
Newport,	Trinity,	O. S. Prescott,		7	7	48	55	248	5	1	6	21	150	779 88
"	Zion,	W. C. Brown.	2	6	8			161			8	16	120	425 00
"	Emanuel,	C. Wingate,	5	22	27	17	25	119	8	5	15	12	150	98 19
Portsmouth,	St. Paul's,	G. W. Chevers, M. D.,		1	1		1	44		1	3	5	30	26 00
Portsmouth and Middletown,	St. Mary's and Holy Cross,	H. Williams,	1	3	4	4	2	67	2	1	4	6	40	225 00
Jamestown,	St. Matthew's,	G. Anthony,	2	1	3	1	1	12		2	2			36 00
Wickford,	St. Paul's,	A. B. Flanders,	1	1	2	2	2	97	1		4	9	50	241 42
Wakefield,	Ascension,*													
Westerly,	Christ,	J. P. Hubbard,	5	11	16	28	2	134	19	6	12	16	95	565 94
East Greenwich,	St. Luke's,	S. A. Crane, D. D.,	1	2	3	5	2	70	5			10	75	32 00
Crompton,	St. Philip's,	S. M. Rogers,		11	11	5		27	5	2	2	7	40	12 00
South Scituate,			1	1	2				2					
			71	309	380	216	178	3396	176	162	296	440	3569	$21,235 89

*Reported last year—Baptisms, 6; Confirmed, 4; Communicants, 38; S. S. Teachers, 3; Scholars, 20; Marriages, 4; Burials, 2; Offerings, $17 38

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON CONVENTION EXPENSES.

The Committee on Finance report that the amount required to meet the estimated expenses of the Convention is seventy-five dollars, and they recommend the following assessment:

St. John's Church,	Providence,	$10 00
Grace "	do.	10 00
St. Stephen's "	do.	4 00
St. Andrew's "	do.	2 00
Church of the Messiah,	do.	1 00
Church of the Redeemer,	do.	1 00
Trinity Church,	Newport,	9 00
Zion "	do.	4 00
Emanuel "	do.	1 00
St. Paul's "	North Providence,	4 00
St. Michael's "	Bristol,	6 00
St. Mark's "	Warren,	3 00
St. John's "	Barrington,	1 00
Christ "	Lonsdale,	3 00
St. James's "	Woonsocket,	3 00
Christ "	Westerly,	3 00
St. Paul's "	North Portsmouth,	1 00
St. Mary's "	South Portsmouth,	1 00
Emanuel "	Manville,	1 00
St. Luke's "	East Greenwich,	1 00
St. Paul's "	Wickford,	1 00
Ascension "	Wakefield,	1 00
St. Peter's "	Johnston,	1 00
St. Philip's "	Crompton,	1 00
St. Thomas's "	Greenville,	1 00
Chapel of the Holy Cross,	Middletown,	1 00
		$75 00

The Committee recommend the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the several Delegates now pay their several assessments.

ROBERT H. IVES,
HENRY STAPLES,
GEORGE COZZENS,
} *Committee.*

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON THE BISHOP'S SALARY.

The Committee on Finance have assessed the several Parishes for the salary of the Bishop, in accordance with the Eighth Canon, as follows, viz. :

St. John's Church,	Providence,		$170 00
Grace "	do.		170 00
St. Stephen's "	do.		60 00
St. Andrew's "	do.		10 00
Church of the Messiah,	do.		5 00
Church of the Redeemer,	do.		5 00
Trinity Church,	Newport,		125 00
Zion "	do.		50 00
Emanuel "	do.		20 00
St. Paul's "	North Providence,		60 00
St. Michael's "	Bristol,		80 00
St. Mark's "	Warren,		50 00
St. John's "	Barrington,		2 00
Christ "	Lonsdale,		20 00
St. James's "	Woonsocket,		50 00
Christ "	Westerly,		52 00
St. Paul's "	North Portsmouth,		8 00
St. Mary's "	South Portsmouth,		10 00
Emanuel "	Manville,		2 00
St. Luke's "	East Greenwich,		13 00
St. Paul's "	Wickford,		20 00
Ascension "	Wakefield,		13 00
St. Peter's "	Johnston,		3 00
St. Philip's "	Cromlton,		2 00
St. Thomas's "	Greenville,		5 00
Chapel of the Holy Cross,	Middletown,		10 00
St. Matthew's Church,	Jamestown,		2 00
			$1017 00

The Committee recommend that the foregoing assessments be paid to the Treasurer on or before the first day of August next.

ROBERT H. IVES,
HENRY STAPLES,
GEORGE COZZENS,
} Committee.

Providence, June 11, 1861.

Dr. *Convention Expenses (Diocese of R. I.,) in account with E. W. Howard, Treas.* *Cr.*

1860.			
June 13.	To cash paid Sexton of Grace Church, for services attending at Convention, June 12th and 13th,		$8 00
July 27.	Do. Herman Cope, Treasurer of General Convention, being balance assessed on Diocese of R. I. as its proportion of amount required to make up deficiency in expenses of General Convention,		22 15
Sept.	Do. Cooke & Danielson, on account, for printing, enveloping and mailing Journals of Convention for 1860—1000 copies, 52 p. p., and covers, $75. Sept. 21, balance of said bill, $15,		90 00
Sept. 18.	Do. Prov. Mutual Insurance Co. 2 per cent. on notes for insuring St. Philip's Church, Crompton, $1 44		
	St. Peter's Church, Johnston, 9 00		
	St. Andrew's Church, Prov. 10 00		20 44
Sept. 18.	Do. Franklin Mutual Insurance Co., assessments on note for Parsonage at Crompton,		5 81
1861.			
June 11.	Balance to new account,		91 77
			$238 17

June 12. Examined and found correct.

ROBERT H. IVES, } *For Audit*
GEORGE COZZENS, } *Committee.*

1860.				
June 13.	By balance of old account,			$78 73
	By assessment levied June 13, 1860, on			
	St. Mary's Church,		S. Portsmouth,	2 00
	ditto	Holy Cross Chapel,	Middletown,	1 00
	ditto	St. James Church,	Woonsocket,	7 00
	ditto	Trinity Church,	Newport,	18 00
	ditto	Emanuel Church,	Newport,	1 00
	ditto	Zion Church,	Newport,	10 00
	ditto	Christ Church,	Westerly,	7 00
	ditto	Christ Church,	Lonsdale,	5 00
	ditto	St. Andrew's Church,	Providence,	3 00
	ditto	Church of the Redeemer,	Providence,	1 00
	ditto	St. John's Church,	Barrington,	1 00
	ditto	St. Philip's Church,	Crompton,	1 00
	ditto	St. Luke's Church,	E. Greenwich	2 00
	ditto	St. Mark's Church,	Warren,	8 00
	ditto	St. Paul's Church,	Portsmouth,	2 00
	ditto	St. Paul's Church,	Wickford,	2 00
	ditto	St. Michael's Church,	Bristol,	13 00
	ditto	St. Paul's Church,	N. Providence,	9 00
	ditto	St. Stephen's Church,	Providence,	10 00
	ditto	St. Thomas's Church,	Greenville,	1 00
	ditto	Grace Church,	Providence,	21 00
	ditto	St John's Church,	Providence,	21 00
Oct. 12.	ditto	St. Peter's Church,	Johnston,	1 00
	ditto	Church of the Messiah,	Providence,	1 00
Sept. 28.	Insurance assessment from St. Andrew's Church, Providence,			10 00
Oct. 4.	Do. St. Philip's Church, Crompton,			1 44
				$238 17
1861.				
June 12.	By balance from old account,			$91 77

E. E.—E. W. HOWARD, *Tr.*

Dr. *Bishop's Salary (Diocese of R. I.,) in account with E. W. Howard, Tr.* *Dr.*

1860.				
Sept. 1.	To amount paid Bishop's salary for quarter to		Sept. 1, '60,	$250 00
Nov. 28.	ditto	ditto	Dec. 1, '60,	250 00
1861.				
March 6.	ditto	ditto	Mar. 1, '61,	250 00
June 1.	ditto	ditto	June 1, '61,	200 00
" 12.	ditto	ditto	" " "	50 00
June 12.	Balance to new account,			18 15
				$1018 15

Examined and found correct.

ROBERT H. IVES, *For Audit Committee.*

Providence, June 12, 1861.

1860.				
June 13.	By balance of old account,			$71 15
	By assessment levied June 13, 1860, of			
		St. Mary's Church,	S. Portsmouth,	10 00
	ditto	Holy Cross Chapel,	Middletown,	10 00
	ditto	Trinity Church,	Newport,	125 00
	ditto	St. John's Church,	Barrington,	2 00
	ditto	Church of the Redeemer,	Providence,	2 00
July 11.	ditto	St. Thomas's Church,	Greenville,	5 00
	ditto	St. Philip's Church,	Cromptom,	2 00
17.	ditto	Grace Church,	Providence,	160 00
	ditto	St. John's Church,	Providence,	160 00
	ditto	St. Stephen's Church,	Providence,	60 00
Oct.	ditto	St. Andrew's Church,	Providence,	10 00
	ditto	St. Peter's Church,	Johnston,	3 60
13.	ditto	Church of the Messiah,	Providence,	5 00
17.	ditto	St. Paul's Church,	Wickford,	20 00
Nov. 1.	ditto	Christ Church,	Westerly,	50 00
2.	ditto	St. Michael's Church,	Bristol,	80 00
23.	ditto	Christ Church,	Lonsdale.	20 00
Dec. 3.	ditto	St. Paul's Church,	N. Providence,	60 00
	ditto	Emanuel Church,	Newport,	20 00
13.	ditto	St. Mark's Church,	Warren,	50 00
1861				
March 27.	ditto	St. James's Church,	Woonsocket,	50 00
June 10.	ditto	St. Luke's Church,	E. Greenwich,	13 00
	ditto	St. Paul's Church,	N. Portsmouth,	8 00
	ditto	St. Matthew's Church,	Jamestown,	2 00
12.	ditto	Zion Church, on account,	Newport,	20 00
				$1018 15
June 12.	By balance from old account,			$18 15

E. E.—E. W. HOWARD, *Tr.*

Dr. *Missionary Convocation (Diocese of R. I.,) in account with E. W. Howard, Tr.* *Cr.*

1861.			
April 1.	Paid Rev. T. L. Randolph, for services at Station at Manton, for year ending April 1, 1861,	$275 00	$325 00
	Paid do. from special pledge,	50 00	
	Paid Rev. B. H. Chase, at Burrillville, for year ending do.		375 00
	Paid Rev. R. H. Tuttle, six months services at Valley of the Pawtuxet,		150 00
	Paid Rev. S. M. Rogers, two and a half months services at do. to April 1, 1861,		62 50
	Paid Rev. W. A. Leach, six months services at Narragansett Pier, to October 1, 1860,		50 00
	Paid Rev. W. H. Mills, six months services at Church of the Messiah, Olneyville,		100 00
	Paid Rev. James Mulchahey, six months services at do. to April 1, 1861,		100 00
	Paid Rev. Daniel Henshaw, missionary services,		100 00
	Paid Daniel L. B. Goodwin, services at Emanuel Church, Manville,		145 83
June 11.	To balance to new account,		206 02
			$1,614 35

1860.				
April 12.	By balance of old account,			$506 73
1861.				
April 1.	" year's pledge to April 1, 1861, of	Grace Church,	Providence,	250 00
	" do.	St. John's Church,	Providence,	200 00
	" do,	St. Paul's Church,	N. Providence,	60 00
	" do.	St. Stephen's Church,	Providence,	150 00
	" do.	St John's Church,	Barrington,	60 00
	" do.	St. Andrew's Church,	Providence,	100 00
	" do.	St. Thomas's Church,	Greenville,	30 00
	" do.	St. Paul's Church,	Wickford,	50 00
	" six months' pledge to October 1, 1860,	Church of the Messiah,	Providence,	35 00
	" pledge	Zion Church,	Newport,	25 00
	" "	Crompton, $2; Fiskville, $1,		3 00
	" special pledge for Manton Station,	T. L. Randolph,		50 00
	" pledge	Christ Church,	Lonsdale,	80 00
	"	Chapel of Holy Cross,	Middletown,	14 62
				$1,614 35
1861.				
June 11.	Balance from old account.			206 02

E. E.—E. W. HOWARD, *Tr.*

Dr. Funds for Dom. and For. Miss. (from Diocese of R. I.,) in account with E. W. Howard, Tr. Cr.

1860.						
July 6.	To cash forwarded Tr. of		Domestic Missions, New York,			$26 32
	do.	do.	Foreign	do.	do.	6 08
Sept. 10.	do.	do.	Domestic	do.	do.	150 00
14.	do.	do.	Foreign	do.	do.	450 00
Dec. 29.	do.	do.	Domestic	do.	do.	125 00
1861.						
Jan. 5.	do.	do.	Domestic	do.	do.	355 00
5.	do.	do	Foreign	do.	do.	7 00
29.	do.	do.	Foreign	do.	do.	594 72
14.	do.	do.	Foreign	do.	do.	25 00
14.	do.	do.	Foreign	do.	do.	202 62
Feb. 5.	do.	do.	Rev. Mr. Breck, (by D. H.,)			46 64
12.	do.	do.	Foreign Missions,			45 21
	do.	do.	Domestic	do.		118 25
Mar. 13.	do	do.	Foreign	do.		32 50
	do.	do.	Domestic	do.	Rev. E. W. Stone, Tr. increase of ministry,	95 00
	do.	do.	Domestic	do.	Bishop Lee, Iowa,	125 00
April 5.	do.	do.	Domestic	do.	Bishop Lee, Iowa, $25, Bishop Whipple, Minnesota. $80,	105 00
17.	do.	do.	Domestic	do.		31 00
	do.	do.	Foreign	do.		29 00
	do.	do.	Foreign	do.	by St. Paul's	19 00
	do.	do.			Nashotah, by D. H.	60 00
June 13.	do.	do.	Domestic	do.		233 77
	do.	do.	Foreign	do.		222 71
Dec. 8 and 20.	do.	do.	Rev. Charles Reynolds, Secretary Lawrence University, Kansas,			777 91
July 10.			Foreign Missions, N. Y.,			37 00

1860.	
By cash of *Grace Church, Providence*, Dec. 24, 1860, Advent col. for D. M., $50; May 13, Epiph. col. for F. M., $37,	$87 00
St. John's Church, Providence—Collections in Chapel for Domestic Missions, $26 32; Morning Sunday School, pledge for Bishop Lee, Iowa, $500; Jan. 3, 1861—Advent collection, (of which $47 37 is for General Board, New York, and $257 63 for Episcopal Missionary Association, Philadelphia,) $305; March 13, '61—collection for Society for increase of the Ministry, $95. Sunday School Easter collections for Bishop Lee, Iowa, $25; for Bishop Whipple, Minnesota, $80; June, 1861—Missionary collections in Chapel, for Domestic Missions, $25 63. Missionary collections in Chapel for Foreign Missions—July. $6 08; January, 1861, do. for Africa, $10; June, '61, for Foreign Missions, $6 71; Sept. 28, '61—Individuals of said Church for China Mission, $450. Christmas offering for maintenance of Rev. Mr. Hoffman's Chapel, Africa—Morning Sunday School, $164 86; Noon, (colored,) Sunday School for do., $18 34. January, 1861—Epiphany collection for Foreign Missions, (of which $10 is for Africa,) $362 09. Sunday collections of Noon School to Jan. 1, '61, for Africa, $32 93. June 13—Ladies Philathropic Society for Africa, $207,	2,314 96
Church of the Redeemer, Providence—Sept. 15, 1860—for Domestic Missions, $25; Jan. 24, 1861—Sunday School of said Church for Domestic Missions, $25; Feb. 5, '61—do. for Bishop Lay, $25; for Bishop Talbot, $25; April 8, '61, Easter Offering for Domestic Missions, $25; Sunday School of said Church for Domestic Missions, $6; May, '61—a friend for Domestic Missions, $10; June, '61—for Rev. Mr. Breck, Minnesota, $4 33. A lady for Foreign Missions, $6; Jan. 24, 1861—Sunday School of said Church for Foreign Missions, $8; April, '61—Easter Offering for Foreign Missions, $23. Sunday School of said Church for Foreign Missions, $6—June, '61; for Greek Mission (a friend,) $3,	191 33
St. Stephen's Church, Providence—Jan. 1861—Advent collection for Domestic Missions, $188,	188 00
Chapel of Holy Cross—Advent collection for D. M., $14 62,	14 62

St. Andrew's Church, Providence—Advent collection for Domestic Missions, $41 75: do. for Rev. Mr. Breck, $46 64; May 24, 1861—for Nashotah, $60; for Domestic Missions, $10 Epiphany collection for Foreign Missions, $32 50,	190 89	
St. Mark's Church, Warren—Feb. 11, 1861, for Domestic Missions, $26 50. Foreign Missions, $26 50,	53 00	
St. Paul's Church, North Providence—April 29, 1861—For Domestic Missions, $14 51—Feb. 5, '61; Epiphany collection for Foreign Missions, $17 21; Little Mary for Foreign Missions, $1,	32 72	
St. Mary's Church, South Portsmouth—May 8, 1861—For Domestic Missions, $25,	25 00	
St. John's Church, Barrington—June 13, '61—For Foreign Missions, $6; for Domestic Missions, $6,	12 00	
St. Paul's Church, Wickford—For Foreign Missions, $19; for Domestic Missions, $13 30,	32 30	
Collections taken up by request of the Bishop for sufferers in Kansas—St. Paul's, North Providence, $38 50; do. do. Sunday School, $9 50; St. Mark's, Warren, $48 63; St. John's, Barrington, $17. St. Andrew's, Providence, $23 05; St. John's, Providence, $117 88; St. Michael's, Bristol, $83 56; St. Philip's, Crompton, $3; St. Paul's, Wickford, $36; St. Mary's, South Portsmouth, $10; Church of the Redeemer, Providence, $20 03; Grace, Providence, $105; Christ Church, Lonsdale, $25; Church of Messiah, Providence, $11 68; Holy Cross Chapel, Middletown, $21 90; Trinity, Newport, $90; St. Matthew's, Jamestown, $26; St. Peter's, Johnston, $6 34; St. Thomas's, Greenville, $7 60; Burrillville Station, $4 70; St. Stephen's, Providence, $20; St. Paul's, Portsmouth, $10 50; St. Luke's, East Greenwich, $15 57; Christ Church, Westerly, $26 47,	777 91	
		$3,919 73.

Dr. *Charitable Fund in account with William T. Grinnell, Tr.* *Cr.*

1861.		
June 11.	To cash paid postage.	$0 50
	To this amount credited in new account,	5895 92
		$5896 42

June 11. Examined with the vouchers and found correct.

ROBERT H. IVES,
HENRY STAPLES,
GEORGE COZZENS, } *Audit Committee.*

Churches not contributing :

Ascension Church,	Wakefield.
St. Matthew's Church,	Jamestown.
St. Philip's Church,	Crompton.
Zion Church,	Newport.

1860.				
June 12.	By balance due on old account,			$5243 00
Sept. 22.	By cash, collection in	Emanuel Church,	Newport, '60,	3 00
1861.				
Jan. 26.	ditto	Church of the Redeemer,	Providence, '61.	5 00
March 4.	ditto	Christ Church,	Westerly, '61,	23 87
Jan. 1.	By interest on amount in Providence Savings Bank,			297 54
21.	ditto	Peoples Savings Bank,		7 29
May 6.	By col. in	St. John's Church,	Providence, '61,	136 15
24.	ditto	St. Andrew's Church,	Providence, '61,	15 70
27.	ditto	St. Luke's Church,	E. Greenwich, '61,	3 50
	ditto	St. Mark's Church,	Warren, '61,	10 52
June 3.	ditto	St. Stephen's Church,	Providence, '61,	24 00
3.	ditto	St. Paul's Church,	N. Providence, '61,	11 74
5.	ditto	St. James's Church,	Woonsocket, '61,	5 41
7.	ditto	St. Michael's Church,	Bristol, '61,	17 10
10.	ditto	Grace Church,	Providence, '61,	31 00
11.	ditto	St. John's Church,	Barrington, '61,	1 50
	ditto	Trinity Church,	Newport, '61,	30 03
	ditto	St. Paul's Church,	Portsmouth, '61,	2 57
	ditto	St. Thomas's Church,	Greenville, '61,	3 00
	ditto	Church of the Messiah,	Providence, '61,	5 00
	ditto	St. Mary's Church,	Portsmouth, '61,	3 00
	ditto	Christ Church,	Lonsdale, '61,	6 00
	ditto	St Paul's Church,	Wickford, '61,	4 00
	ditto	Emanuel Church,	Manville, '61,	2 50
	ditto	St. Peter's Church,	Manton, '61,	2 00
	ditto	Holy Cross Chapel,	Middletown, '61,	2 00
				$5896 42

June 11. Balance from old account, $5895 92

E. E.—W. T. GRINNELL, *Tr.*

A LIST OF THE CLERGY

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church

IN THE DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND.

1861.

Rt. Rev. THOMAS M. CLARK, D. D.
Bishop and Rector of Grace Church, Prov.

Rev. GEO. ANTHONY, (Deacon.)
Officiating in St. Matthew's Church, Jamestown.

Rev. L. P. W. BALCH, D. D.,
Residing in Newport.

Rev. WM. C. BROWN,
Rector of Zion Church, Newport.

Rev. J. H. CARPENTER,
Residing in Kingston.

Rev. B. H. CHASE,
Rector of St. Thomas's Church, Greenville, and Missionary in Burrillville.

Rev. G. W. CHEVERS, M D.,
Rector of St. Paul's Church, Portsmouth.

Rev. WM. H. COLLINS, (Deacon,)
Residing in Warren.

Rev. J. I. T. COOLIDGE,
Assis't Minister of St. John's Church, Prov.

Rev. S. A. CRANE, D. D.,
Rector of St. Luke's Church, E. Greenwich.

Rev. N. B. CROCKER, D. D.,
Rector of St. John's Church, Providence.

Rev. A. B. FLANDERS,
Rector of St. Paul's Church, Wickford.

Rev. D. L. B. GOODWIN,
Residing in Providence.

Rev. E. M. GUSHEE, (Deacon,)

Rev. D. HENSHAW,
Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Providence.

Rev. J. P. HUBBARD,
Rector of Christ Church, Westerly.

Rev. D. LEACH,
Residing in Providence.

Rev. W. C. LEVERETT,
Principal of the Berkeley Institute, Newport.

Rev. J. C. MIDDLETON, (Deacon.)
Assisting the Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rev. JAMES MULCHAHEY,
Rector of the Church of the Messiah, Prov.

Rev. O. S. PRESCOTT,
Rcetor of Trinity Church, Newport.

Rev. T. L. RANDOLPH,
Rector of St. Peter's Church, Manton.

Rev. S. M. ROGERS,
Rector of St. Philip's Church, Crompton.

Rev. N. W. T. ROOT,
Rector of Christ Church, Lonsdale.

Rev. J. F. SPAULDING,
Assistant Minister of Grace Church, Prov.

Rev. WM. STOW,
Rector of St. Michael's Church, Bristol.

Rev. GEORGE TAFT, D. D.,
Rector of St. Paul's Church, N. Providence.

Rev. B P. TALBOT,
Rector of St. James's Church, Woonsocket.

Rev. F. J. WARNER,
Rector of St. John's Church, Barrington.

Rev. H. WATERMAN, D. D.,
Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Providence.

Rev. C. H. WHEELER,
Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Prov.

Rev. HOBART WILLIAMS,
Rector of St. Mary's Church, Portsmouth, and Minister in charge of the Chapel of the Holy Cross, Middletown.

Rev. C. WINGATE,
Rector of Emanuel Church, Newport.

CANON X.

Of the Election of Lay Delegates.

Section 1. Any Parish intending to be represented in this Convention, as provided for in the Fourth Article of the Constitution of the Diocese, shall choose its Delegates in a Parish meeting, regularly called in conformity with the Charter and By-Laws of the Parish; and in addition to the Delegates provided for in said Fourth Article, said Parish shall, at the same meeting, choose four other persons, to be called Substitutes, who, in the order in which they are chosen, shall be entitled to fill the place of any Delegate who may resign, or be unable to attend; and such Delegates and Substitutes shall continue in office until the next annual meeting of the Parish; and also until new ones shall have been chosen to take their places.

Sec. 2. When the Committee on Clerical and Lay Delegates, as required in the Fifth Article of the Constitution, shall have reported to the Convention, the Secretary shall first call the names of the Lay Delegates from each Parish, and if it shall be declared to the Convention that any Delegates have resigned or are unable to attend, he shall then call for the Substitutes in their order, to fill such vacancies; and whenever, during any Convention, any member of the representation of any Parish shall retire and another take his place, the fact of such change shall be made known to the Secretary and by him be entered on the record and announced to the Convention, before such claimant shall be entitled to a vote or seat in it.

FORM OF A CERTIFICATE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF LAY DELEGATES.

At a meeting of the Parish of _____ Church, _____ regularly called, in conformity with the Charter and By-Laws, on the _____ day of _____ 186 , Messrs.

were appointed as Delegates from said Parish to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, to be held on the second Tuesday of June, 186 .

At the same meeting, the following persons were also appointed as Substitutes:

Attest,

_____ *Warden.*

_____, *Parish Clerk.*

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

CHURCH.

Baptisms,
- Adults,
- Infants,
- Total,

Confirmed,

Communicants,
- added,
- died and removed,
- present number,

Sunday Schools,
- Teachers,
- Scholars,

Marriages,

Burials,

Missionary and charitable contributions, $

RULES OF ORDER,

AND

A STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS,

OF THE

CONVENTION OF THE CHURCH

IN THE DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND.

I. RULES OF ORDER.

1. When the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the chair.

2. The members of the Convention shall sit in pews contiguous to one another—the delegates of each Church occupying one pew.

3. No member shall absent himself from the Convention unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. All special committees shall be appointed by the President unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

5. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not again be drawn into debate during the session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

6. When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise, and with due respect address himself to the President, and confine himself strictly to the point in debate.

7. When two members chance to rise at the same time, the President shall determine to whom the preference shall be given; and all questions of order the President shall decide,—subject to an appeal to the Convention.

8. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave.

9. No motion shall be acted upon until seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

10. While the President is putting any question, the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private conversation to the interruption of the Convention.

11. Every member who is in the Convention when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be personally interested in the question, or excused by the President.

12. When a motion is under consideration, no other motion shall be made, except to postpone, to amend, to divide, or to commit.

13. A motion for amendment or postponement shall be considered as the previous question, and be decided before the original motion.

14. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and shall be decided without debate.

15. The yeas and nays shall be called and entered on the minutes, when required by one-fifth of the members present.

16. At the request of the President, or on motion, the Convention may resolve itself into a committee of the whole.

17. All elections, when required by two members, shall be by ballot.

18. All other questions shall be decided *viva voce*, or by hand vote, unless a ballot be called for by two members.

19. The sittings of the Convention shall be open to all persons who choose to attend, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

20. After the first day, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read each morning at the opening of the Convention, and, if necessary, corrected; and before the rising of the Convention, the whole proceedings of the session shall be read.

21. When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

22. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended without the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

23. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be read at the opening of every Convention, and shall be of force, unless repealed by a vote of the Convention.

II. STANDING ORDER OF BUSINESS.

After the organization of the Convention as provided for by the Constitution, the following Order of Business shall be observed the first day of the session:

I. The business incident to the organization of the Convention, embracing the consideration of application of Churches or Parishes for admission into union with the Convention; reports from special committees appointed at a preceding session of the Convention, &c.

II. Reading of the Bishop's Address.

III. Regular Annual Reports, in the following order:

1. Report from the Treasurer of the Convention.
2. Report from the Standing Committee.
3. Report from the Board of Missions.
4. Report from the Board of Education.
5. Report from the Board of Sunday Schools.
6. Report from the Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes.
7. Report from the Depository Board.
8. Report from the Board for Relief of Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.
9. Parochial Reports.

The following order of business shall be observed for the second day of the Convention:

I. Elections,—

1. Of Deputies to the General Convention.
2. Of Treasurer.
3. Of Standing Committee.
4. Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.
5. Board of Education.
6. Board of Sunday Schools.
7. Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes.
8. Board for the Relief of Widows and Orphans, &c.
9. Depository Board.
10. Miscellaneous.

CONSTITUTION AND CANONS.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church

IN THE

DIOCESE OF RHODE ISLAND.

ARTICLE I.

This Church accedes to the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and acknowledges the authority of its Canons.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be a stated Convention of this Church, on the second Tuesday in June, in each year, at such hour, and in such place, as the Convention shall determine. The Bishop may, in his discretion, call special meetings of the Convention; and when requested by the Standing Committee, it shall be his duty to do so. If the Episcopate be vacant, or if the Bishop be incapacitated for acting, special meetings may be called by the Standing Committee. At least three weeks notice shall be publicly given of the time and place of holding any special meeting of the Convention, and no business shall be transacted at any such meeting other than is specified in the notice by which it is called.

ARTICLE III.

The Bishop shall preside in the Convention; but if the Diocese be vacant, or the Bishop absent, a President shall be chosen from among the Presbyters of the Convention.

ARTICLE IV.

Section 1. This Convention shall be composed of such Clergymen in this Diocese as shall have been actually and canonically resident and officiating in the same for one year next preceding the Convention: also, of such Clergy, similarly resident, as shall have been employed for the same period as Missionaries, under the sanction of the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese;—and of Lay Delegates not exceeding four from each Parish in union with this Convention, who shall present certificates, signed by the Wardens, or Parish Clerk, that they are duly chosen.

Sec. 2. Every Clergyman, other than those specified in the foregoing section, canonically resident in the Diocese, shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership, with the exception of a right to vote; and no Clergyman otherwise entitled to a seat and a vote shall be deprived of such privilege by reason of advanced age, or infirm health, or temporary absence.

Sec. 3. The operation of the first section of this Article shall be entirely prospective.

ARTICLE V.

Every Convention shall be opened with the Morning Prayer, followed by a Sermon or a Charge from the Bishop, or a Sermon by some Preacher appointed by the Bishop, and the celebration of the Holy Communion; after which, the President and Secretary of the Convention shall take their places, and the Convention be called to order. The President shall then give to the Secretary a list of the Clergy entitled by the Constitution to the privileges of membership, specifying those having a right to vote. The Lay Delegates shall then hand in to the Secretary the testimonials of their election. The above mentioned list and testimonials shall thereupon be referred to a Committee appointed by the President, which Committee shall make out and report to the Convention a list of the Clerical and Lay delegates entitled to membership and the right to vote; and upon the whole list so reported and acted upon, the Convention shall be organized. The Secretary of the Convention shall then be chosen,

and the necessary Committees appointed. The Morning Service of the Church shall be performed every day during the session of the Convention.

ARTICLE VI.

The Convention being duly organized, the members present shall upon all questions deliberate in one body, and in voting, shall vote as individuals. But if, in any case, it be requested by any three members, the two Orders shall vote separately; and in such case, (except it be in elections provided for in this Constitution,) the Lay Delegates from each congregation, or parish, shall be entitled to but one vote; and the concurrence of both Orders shall be necessary to constitute a decision.

ARTICLE VII.

New parishes may, by a vote of the Convention, be admitted into union with it, on presenting written evidence, under the authority of the Wardens and Vestry, that they are duly organized, and accede to the Constitution and Canons of the Convention of this Diocese; but in the organization of any Parish, where Pews are owned by individuals, or a corporation, provision must be made whereby said Pews may be taxed for their proportion of an amount sufficient for the support of Public Worship in the Parish.

ARTICLE VIII.

At every annual meeting of the Convention, a Secretary shall be chosen, by joint ballot, who shall remain in office until the next election of a Secretary. His duty shall be to make minutes of the proceedings in a book to be provided for that purpose,—to preserve the journal and records,—to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Convention, including journals of the Convention of other Dioceses, which may be in his possession. It shall also be his duty to direct the distribution of the printed journals among the Parishes, and to give due notice of the time and place of the meeting of the Convention.

ARTICLE IX.

A Treasurer, who shall be a Layman, shall be elected annually, and shall continue in office during the pleasure of the Convention.

It shall be his duty to receive, at each annual Convention, the assessment upon the Parishes for defraying the incidental expenses of the Convention,—for the support of the Episcopate,—and to meet the charges arising out of the connection of this Diocese with the General Convention; and to pay quarterly to the Bishop the amount of salary pledged him by this Convention; and to meet other demands upon the Treasury, which the Convention may, from time to time, authorize and direct. He shall present to each annual Convention a report, in writing, of his receipts and disbursements.

ARTICLE X.

A Standing Committee consisting of four Presbyters and four Laymen, who shall be Communicants of this Church, shall be appointed annually, and shall continue in office until the election of a new Committee. They shall keep a record of their proceedings, and report the same to the Convention at its annual meeting. A majority shall constitute a quorum for all purposes except those for which the Canons of the General Convention require a larger number. They shall hold special meetings whenever required by the Bishop. They shall also have power to supply any vacancies which may occur in their own body during the recess of the Convention.

ARTICLE XI.

Deputies to the General Convention shall be chosen once in every three years; and shall continue in office till new ones are chosen.

The Clergy shall nominate the Clerical, and the Laity the Lay, Candidates, by ballot. The candidates thus nominated shall be respectively reported to the Convention. The President shall then declare the Clerical nominations to the Laity, and the Lay nominations to the Clergy, which bodies shall separately, and by ballot, confirm or reject the nomination. In case any two members of the Convention shall demand it, the ballot shall be taken upon each candidate separately.

In the event of any rejection, another nomination shall be made in manner as before directed.

Substitutes for deputies shall be chosen in the same manner as the Deputies are. And in the event of the resignation, or inability of any Deputy,—Clerical or Lay,—such vacancy shall be filled from the substitutes respectively, in the order in which they were chosen.

ARTICLE XII.

Whenever a Bishop is to be elected in this Church, it shall be in an annual or a special Convention, in the following manner:—The two orders having separated, the Clergy shall nominate and appoint, by ballot, a duly qualified Presbyter of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, for that office; whereupon, their choice shall be made known to the order of Lay Delegates; and if approved by them, voting by ballot, the candidate so appointed shall be declared to be duly elected. In any such election, the votes of a majority of each order shall determine the choice.

ARTICLE XIII.

Canons for the government of the Church, and Rules of Order for the conducting of business, may be adopted from time to time, by the Convention.

ARTICLE XIV.

The mode of altering this Constitution shall be as follows:—A proposition of amendment shall be introduced in writing, and considered in the Convention, and if approved of, shall lie over to the next Convention; and if again approved of in that Convention, by a majority of the two orders voting separately, the change shall take place; and the Constitution so altered, shall be valid and obligatory.

CANONS.

CANON I.

Board of Missions.

The Missionary operations of the Church in this Diocese shall be conducted by a Board of Missions, to be called the Missionary Convocation of the Church in Rhode Island, consisting of such of the Clergy in the Diocese as shall pledge to the treasury of the Board, for the Missionary purposes of the same, an annual sum equal to at least one-tenth of their respective salaries. The Board shall report annually to the Convention their proceedings, together with an account of their receipts and expenditures, and a general statement of the condition and prospects of their Missionary stations.

The Bishop of the Diocese shall be "ex-officio" President of the Board; and no appointment of Missionaries shall be made, unless approved of by him.

The Treasurer of this Board shall be a Layman of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

CANON II.

Board of Education.

There shall be appointed annually, by the Convention, a Board of Education, of which the Bishop shall be "ex-officio" Chairman, consisting, besides, of two Clergymen and two Laymen, to whom shall be intrusted the selection of indigent young men to be educated for

the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church. A report of their doings shall be presented annually to the Convention.

The Beneficiaries of the Board shall be subject to its direction and control.

CANON III.

Board of Sunday Schools.

There shall be appointed annually, by the Convention, a Board of Sunday Schools, to consist of the Bishop, two Clergymen and two Laymen. The said Board shall make an annual statistical report of the Sunday Schools within the Diocese, accompanied with such facts and suggestions as in their judgment shall promote the Sunday School cause.

CANON IV.

Depository Board.

There shall be appointed annually, by the Convention, a Depository Board, to consist of two Clergymen and two Laymen, with the Bishop, who shall be "ex-officio" Chairman. It shall be the duty of said Board to superintend and control the purchase, publication and distribution of Church Books and Tracts within the Diocese.

CANON V.

Of the Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes.

Section 1. There shall be appointed, annually, by the Convention, a Board of Trustees of Churches and Glebes, to consist of four Laymen and the Bishop, who shall be "ex-officio" Chairman.

Sec. 2. This Board shall appoint, from their own number, a Treasurer and Secretary, and shall have power to fill any vacancies occuring in their number during the recess of the Convention.

Sec. 3. All applications from Parishes in this Diocese, for aid in the building, repairing, or paying for Churches, shall be made to this Board; and it shall be the duty of the Board to receive, keep, and pay out, on such conditions as they shall judge most conducive to the extension of the Church, all moneys whatever way contributed and not specially appropriated by the contributors, for the purpose contemplated in this section.

SEC. 4. This Board may, at their discretion, endeavor to secure in their Treasury a permanent fund for the purpose contemplated in the preceding section, by collections in the several Churches in the Diocese, and by the solicitation of donations and bequests from individuals.

SEC. 5. It shall be a duty of this Board to give, through the Secretary, their recommendation to all applications which they shall approve for particular Parishes; and all funds so collected shall be paid into the Treasury of this Board, and used under its direction.

SEC. 6. This Board is authorized, and it shall be their duty, to receive, hold, and manage, as Trustees in behalf of this Convention, any property in Church buildings, and parsonage-houses and glebes, and in their fixtures or other furniture and improvements, now vested in, or held in trust by the Convention of this Diocese. The Board is further authorized to receive, hold, and manage, as Trustees for the Convention, any similar property which hereafter may be obtained chiefly in part by contributions beyond the limits of the Parish within which such property is situated, and which ought properly to be held in trust by some responsible body for the benefit of any such Parish: said trust to be in all cases on these two conditions—*first*, that any congregation in union with the Convention, having the use of any such property so held in trust, shall have the right, at any time, by paying to said Trustees the original cost of such property used by them, or such sum of money as in the judgment of this Board shall be a fair price for the same, to claim the fee and control of said property in their own right, this Board, on payment of such property being made by any such congregation, being bound to convey to any such congregation the title to such property, said title to be conveyed for such time as the congregation receiving it shall continue in union with the Convention of this Diocese; and, *secondly*, that the Board shall, while holding the Trusteeship of any such property, have the entire control and management of the same, subject to the purpose for which such property was given.

SEC. 7. This Board is further authorized, and it shall be their duty to receive, hold, and manage, in trust for the Convention, any other property, real or personal, which the Convention may at any time by resolution commit to the Trusteeship of the Board.

SEC. 8. All monies or other property given or entrusted to this Board, shall be faithfully applied as designated by the donors, and the

Board shall make an annual report to the Convention of its doings, receipts and disbursements.

CANON VI.

Of the Board for the Relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, and also of Superannuated and Infirm Clergymen.

Section 1. At every annual Convention there shall be elected a Board for the relief of Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, and also of superannuated and infirm Clergymen; which Board shall consist of four Laymen, who shall be communicants of the Church, together with the Bishop of the Diocese, who shall be "ex-officio" Chairman. In case of the vacancy of the episcopate, the President of the Standing Committee shall be, "ex-officio," a member and Chairman of the Board.

Sec. 2. The funds received by this Board shall consist of collections in Churches, and of donations or legacies specially designated for the purposes of this Canon; and it is hereby made the duty of each Clergymen having charge of a Parish, and of the Wardens in every vacant Parish, to take up an annual collection for this fund. All moneys contributed as above specified, shall be invested by the Board in such securities as, in their judgment, will be safe and productive; and such investments shall be made in the name of the Board, as Trustees.

Sec. 3. The appropriations from this fund shall be made by the Board in such manner, and in such sums, as they may deem expedient: *Provided,* That no appropriation shall be made to the family of a deceased clergyman who was not, at the time of his decease, canonically resident in this Diocese, nor to any superannuated or infirm clergyman who did not continue in the exercise of his sacred duties until providentially disabled.

Sec. 4. At every annual Convention, the Board shall present to that body a report of their receipts, investments and appropriations, for the year preceding.

Sec. 5. The Board shall have power to appoint such officers and sub-committees, and to enact such By-Laws as they may deem necessary for the more convenient and effective discharge of the duties required by this Canon.

CANON VII.

On Remittances from Parishes for Conventional Expenses.

It shall be the duty of the Church Wardens and Vestries to see that the amount assessed upon their respective Parishes by the Convention for the raising of the Bishop's salary, for incidental expenses, and other Church purposes, authorized and directed by the Convention, be regularly transmitted to the Treasurer so as to be included in his annual report.

CANON VIII.

The Bishop's Salary.

The annual salary of the Bishop of this Diocese shall be one thousand dollars, which shall be assessed on the several Parishes by the Finance Committee.

CANON IX.

Ministers to keep a Register of their Acts.

To secure the object proposed in Canon XXIX of the General Convention of 1832, it shall be the duty of every minister of this Church, having charge of a Parish, to keep (in a good and substantial book, to be provided by the Vestry,) the record required by said Canon, of Baptisms, Confirmations, Communicants, Marriages, Funerals, &c., within the limits of his cure; which register, in the event of his death or resignation, shall be left for the use of his successor.

CANON X.

Of the Election of Lay Delegates.

Section 1. Any Parish intending to be represented in this Convention, as provided for in the Fourth Article of the Constitution of the Diocese, shall choose its Delegates in a Parish meeting, regularly called in conformity with the Charter and By-Laws of the Parish; and in addition to the Delegates provided for in said Fourth Article, said Parish shall, at the same meeting, choose four other persons, to be called Substitutes, who, in the order in which they are chosen, shall be entitled to fill the place of any Delegate who may resign, or be

unable to attend; and such Delegates and Substitutes shall continue in office until the next annual meeting of the Parish; and also until new ones shall have been chosen to take their places.

Sec. 2. When the Committee on Clerical and Lay Delegates, as required in the Fifth Article of the Constitution, shall have reported to the Convention, the Secretary shall first call the names of the Lay Delegates from each Parish, and if it shall be declared to the Convention that any Delegates have resigned or are unable to attend, he shall then call for the Substitutes in their order, to fill such vacancies; and whenever, during any Convention, any member of the representation of any Parish shall retire and another take his place, the fact of such change shall be made known to the Secretary and by him be entered on the record and announced to the Convention, before such claimant shall be entitled to a vote or seat in it.

CANON XI.

Mode of Trying Clergymen.

Section 1. If any Clergyman of this Church offend in any one or more of the instances enumerated in Canon XXVII, of the General Convention of 1832, complaint may be made to the Standing Committee, which shall be done in writing, by at least two persons, who shall be communicants, and one of whom shall be a Clergyman of this Church.

Sec. 2. The Standing Committee, if they deem the charge well founded, shall make a presentment in writing to the Bishop, stating the offence or offences of which the said Clergyman is alleged to be guilty, together with specifications, as far as may be, with reasonable certainty as to time, place and circumstances.

Sec. 3. The Bishop shall thereupon summon a jury of five Presbyters, of whom the accused may select three to act as the court by which he will be tried. The court shall be judges of the law and the facts. The Standing Committee shall act as prosecutors in the case, and shall give the accused a copy of the presentment made to the Bishop, and also sixty days' notice of the time and place of trial. Witnesses may be summoned by either party, and examined under oath in the presence of the court. Depositions may also be taken under oath, of witnesses whose personal attendance at the court cannot

be procured; both parties having had timely notice of the time and place of taking such depositions.

Sec. 4. The accused party may, in all cases, employ legal counsel, and in case of such choice, the Standing Committee shall have the same privilege. The accused shall also have the right of a public trial; but if he prefer a trial in the presence of the court alone, he may conduct his own defence, or be assisted by any Clergyman of this Church.

Sec. 5. After an impartial investigation of the testimony, and hearing of the case, the court shall be called upon individually to pronounce a verdict of guilty or not guilty upon each charge or specification in the presentment.

Sec. 6. If the majority of the court shall pronounce the accused to be guilty of all or any of the specifications, they shall then deliberate and give their judgment as to the acts of discipline which the offence or offences proven seem to demand, which shall be either admonition, suspension for a limited time, or degradation from the ministry, as the majority of votes by ballot shall determine.

Sec. 7. An accurate record of the proceedings of the court, including all the testimony, whether oral or written, shall be kept by a clerk appointed for that purpose, and a certified copy of it shall be delivered to the Bishop.

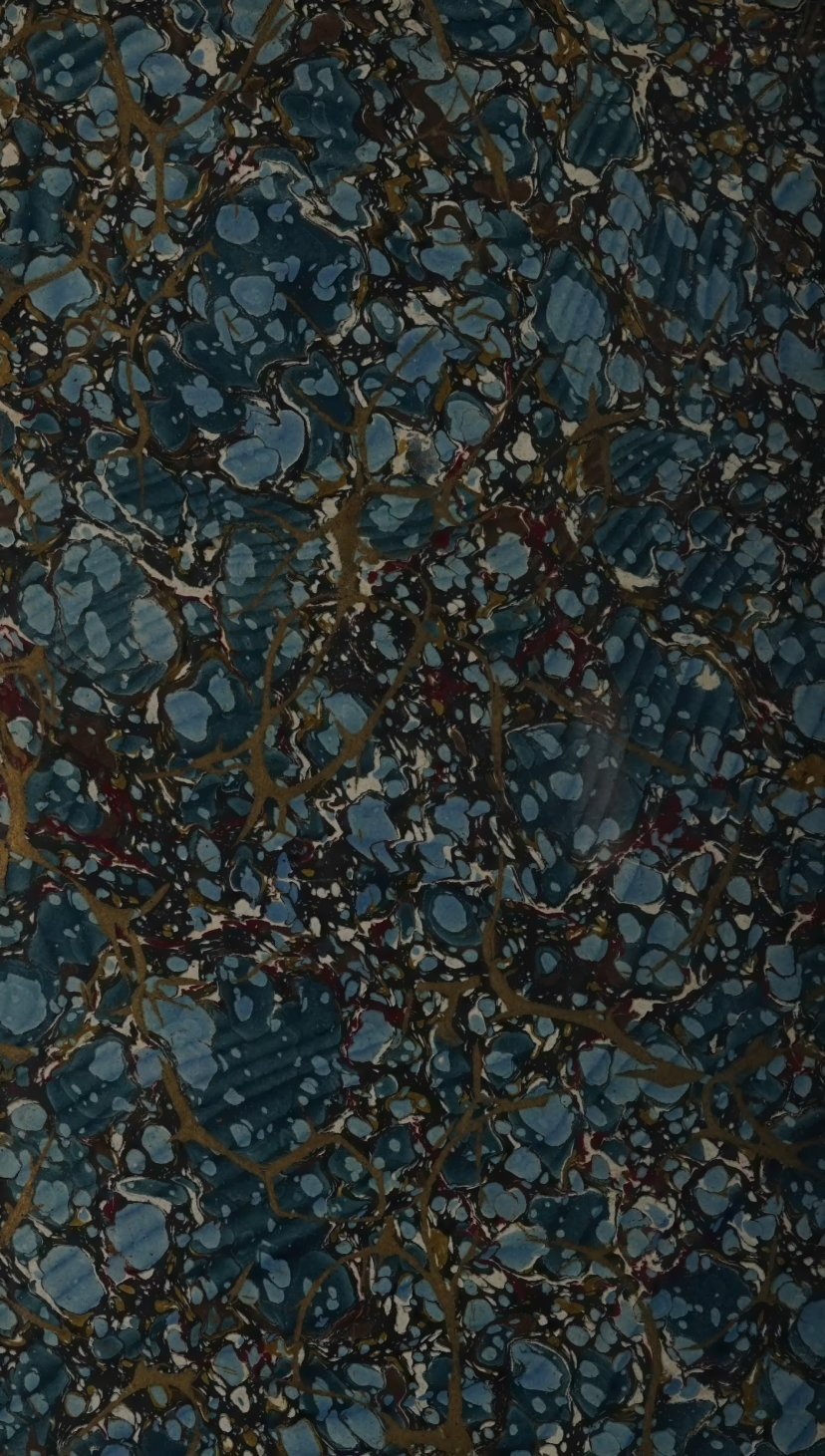
Sec. 8. If the Bishop should approve the judgment of the court, he shall, within thirty days after the verdict is rendered, proceed to administer the discipline awarded by the court.

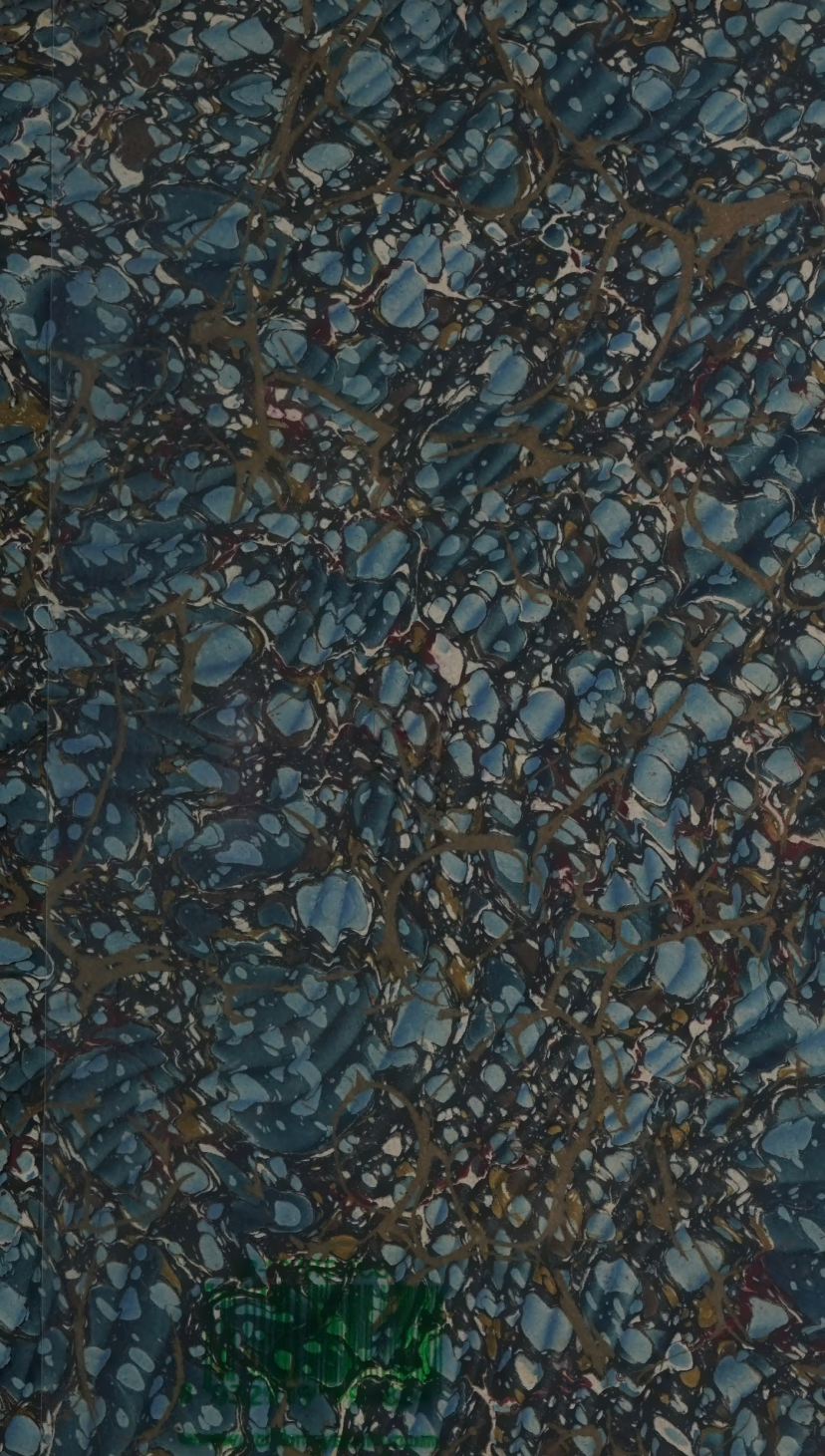
Sec. 9. Should the Bishop disapprove either the verdict or the sentence of the court, if said verdict or sentence be adverse to the accused, he may, at discretion, summon a new court, (constituted as directed in third section of this Canon,) and order a new trial. The decision of this second court shall be final, and the Bishop shall then proceed to execute it as above.

Sec. 10. If the accused shall not appear at the trial, the judgment of the court shall proceed against him by default, and he shall be suspended from the exercise of his clerical functions for the space of six months,—and if, during that period, he shall not apply for trial, he shall then be degraded from the ministry.

Sec. 11. If there be necessity for the trial of a Clergyman at any

time when the Episcopate of the Diocese is vacant, the Bishop of some neighboring Diocese may, at the request of the Standing Committee, perform all the acts assigned by this Canon to the Bishop of the Diocese.





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